

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 2, 2013

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on July 2, 2013 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

Members Present: *Joel D'Angelo, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Sue Twachtman, Susan Dean, Chet Harris, Jeannie Young, Becky Valenti, Jamie Lehane and Karen Perry*

Members Absent: *Jonathan Wintsch and Steven Banaletti*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn, and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

Visitors: *2*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

None

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes for the June 4, 2013 Board of Education

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Jeannie Young	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to move Item 8.A HKHS Football Overnight Trip to St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield 8/20/13 – 8/22/13 to the next item on the agenda. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Jeannie Young	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

New Business

A. HKHS Football Overnight Trip to St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield 8/20/13 – 8/22/13

HKHS Football Coach Dennis O'Rourke presented the proposal for the HKHS Football Overnight Trip to St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield from August 20 - 22, 2013. He explained that it is a pre-season training within CIAC regulations and that St. Thomas Seminary loans itself out for early intense conditioning for football training. He stated that it is a three day, two night trip and that the football players pay for the trip themselves.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Sue Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion approve the HKHS Football Overnight Trip to St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield for three days and two nights from 8/20/13 – 8/22/13. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Jeannie Young	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

Jamie Lehane updated the Board. He stated that the committee reviewed progress on the security systems installation work. The committee also reviewed Capital Items and Energy Performance contracting. He said that Mike Distefano took the committee on a tour to see all the locations and conditions for all of the projects discussed with the Board. Lehane said that all of the projects discussed are fully needed and that he thinks a cyclical program should be put into place to take care of routine maintenance items such as carpeting and painting. The next meeting will be August 6, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

B. Building Subcommittee (HKMS)

Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that the subcommittee did not meet. Next meeting date is to be determined.

C. Finance Subcommittee

Martha Vaughn updated the Board. She reported that the subcommittee reviewed the Financial Report for 2013, the vendor checks from the month of June. She stated the subcommittee discussed technology financing through Webster Bank at 1.45% as well as the responses from the Legal RFP. Vaughn said she is also starting to compose an RFP for a health insurance broker. The next meeting will be August 6, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

D. Policy Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that the committee did not meet. Next meeting date is to be determined.

E. Communications Subcommittee

Karen Perry updated the Board. She reported that a Board Update went out at the end of the school year. Next meeting date is to be determined.

F. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Karen Perry updated the Board. She reported that the subcommittee met on June 26, 2013 and discussed the Superintendent's contract and salary, personnel issues and the Board self-evaluation.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Susan Dean updated the Board. She reported that the council had a breakfast meeting at Riverhouse where Erica Fleig was named Coalition Member of the Year. They discussed the big fundraiser at the Gelston House where 2,000 raffle tickets are to be sold for a Harley Davidson motorcycle. She also mentioned that Hilary, the co-chair discussed the accomplishments for this year.

B. LEARN

Sue Twachtman reported that LEARN did not meet.

C. Park & Recreation

Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that she was unable to attend the most recent meeting, however she had been in touch with the Park & Recreation Director of Recreation.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

No report.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

Susan Dean had no report.

Old Business

A. Policy 5000 Series

Board Chair Karen Perry suggested that the Board review the 5000 series at next month's meeting.

B. Capital Items

The Board did not discuss any additional Capital Items.

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of a donation from the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program in the amount of \$1,360.45. These funds will be used for student activities. Submitted by Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School.**

- B. Acceptance of a donation totaling \$1,600.00 from the KES PTO and the William Cieslukowski family to be deposited into the Student Activity Account. This money will be used for camp scholarships for KES students. Submitted by Judy Seldner, Interim Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.**
- C. Acceptance of a donation from the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program in the amount of \$478.23 to be deposited in the Student Activity Account. Submitted by Judy Seldner, Interim Principal of Killingworth Elementary School.**
- D. Acceptance of a donation from the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program in the amount of \$2,302.39. Submitted by Charles Macunas, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School.**
- E. Acceptance of a donation from the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program in the amount of \$975.40. These funds will be used for student activities. Submitted by Janice Harris, Principal of Haddam Elementary School.**

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to accept the donations in the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Jeannie Young	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

New Business - Continued

B. 2014-2015 Calendar

The Board discussed the two calendar options presented and discussed a possible third option, to be considered at the next business meeting. The differences in the calendars are regarding the school start and closing dates, as well as the length of February vacation.

C. Review of Technology related policies from the 6000 series

Amy Jacques-Purdy introduced the technology related policies from the 6000 series. The Board also reviewed the Use and Possession of Electronic Devices policy which had been presented to the Board earlier in the fall. She explained that the committee consolidated the Electronic Device and Technology policies into one policy. The Board discussed the differences in some of the language in the proposed and CABE suggested policies. They also discussed the approval procedure and discussed the use of e-readers.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Use and Possesion of Electronic Devices policy as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Sue Twachtman	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Chet Harris	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Jeannie Young	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Karen Perry	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Joel D'Angelo	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>		

D. Superintendent Contract

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to move 8.D.1 to follow Item 12 on the agenda. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Sue Twachtman	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Chet Harris	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Jeannie Young	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Karen Perry	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Joel D'Angelo	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>		

From the Superintendent

A. Legislative Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He stated that they are still tracking proposed bills as they work their way into implementation. He also spoke briefly about a letter written to State Senator Art Linares on behalf of Veterans of wars Vietnam or prior to receive high school diplomas.

B. Personnel Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Personnel Report. He stated that he is pleased to have everyone on board. He also reported that the first two days for the new KES Principal were good and that he has been working closely with his peers to get acclimated and he is working on his entry plan.

C. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Enrollment Report.

From the Director of Fiscal Operations

Director of Fiscal Operations had no agenda items to present to the Board.

From the Board Chair

Board Chair Karen Perry thanked the members of the Board for attending the meeting on the first nice evening in a while.

Board Discussion – Areas of Opportunities for District Improvement

Jeannie Young brought up the subject of summer reading and asked about follow-through in school in the fall to encourage students read more during the summer.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Joel D’Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of contract negotiation. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Sue Twachtman	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Chet Harris	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
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Joel D’Angelo	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>		

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:45 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:26 PM.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to extend Superintendent Howard Thiery’s contract from July 1, 2013 through June 16, 2016. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Sue Twachtman	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Chet Harris	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Jeannie Young	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Karen Perry	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Joel D’Angelo	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>		

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Joel D’Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to set Superintendent Howard Thiery’s salary at \$170,625 for the year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Motion passed 8-0-1 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Becky Valenti	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Sue Twachtman	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Chet Harris	YES <u> </u> NO <u> </u> A <u>√</u>	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jamie Lehane	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
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Joel D’Angelo	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>		

Adjournment

Board Chair Karen Perry called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 8/6/2013
Susan Dean, Secretary