

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

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 2, 2013 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Members Present: Becky Valenti, Chet Harris, Joel D'Angelo, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Susan Dean, Steven Banaletti, Jonathan Wintsch, Jeannie Young and Karen Perry

Members Absent: Sue Twachtman and Jamie Lehane

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn, Student Representative Erin Buckley and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson

Visitors: 1

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

None

Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes for the March 5, 2013 Board of Education Special Meeting**
- B. Approval of Minutes for the March 5, 2013 Board of Education Meeting**
- C. Approval of Minutes for the March 7, 2013 Board of Education Special Meeting**
- D. Approval of Minutes for the March 11, 2013 Board of Education Special Meeting Joint Meeting with the Selectmen and Boards of Finance of the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth**
- E. Approval of Minutes for the March 11, 2013 Board of Education Special Meeting**
- F. Approval of Minutes for the March 19, 2013 Board of Education Special Meeting Community Input Session**

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held March 5, 2013 through March 19, 2013 as presented. Motion passed 8-0-1 by the following votes:

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| Amy Jacques-Purdy | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> | Jonathan Wintsch | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Becky Valenti | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> | Sue Twachtman | Absent |
| Chet Harris | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> | Steven Banaletti | YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Jamie Lehane | Absent | 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"/> | | |

Report from Student Representatives

Student Representative Erin Buckley gave her report to the Board.

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. The next meeting will be May 7, 2013.

B. Building Subcommittee (HKMS)

Amy Jacques-Purdy updated the Board. Next meeting date to be determined.

C. Finance Subcommittee

Martha Vaughn updated the Board. The next meeting will be May 7, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

D. Policy Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that the subcommittee did not meet.

E. Communications Subcommittee

Karen Perry reported that the subcommittee did not meet. The next meeting will be April 23, 2013.

F. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Susan Dean updated the Board. The next meeting will be April 11, 2013 at 8:00 AM in the HKMS Media Center. There will also be a pancake breakfast on May 5, 2013 from 7:00-11:00 AM at the Haddam Firehouse.

B. LEARN

No report.

C. Park & Recreation

Amy Jacques-Purdy had no report.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

Steven Banaletti updated the Board.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

Susan Dean had no report.

Old Business

None

Consent Agenda

- A. **Acceptance of a donation from CAT (Cougar Aquatics Swim Team) of swim clock and software compatible with the current timing system valued at \$551.00. Submitted by Frank Sparks on behalf of Debbie VonFeldt, President of the CAT Leadership Committee.**
- B. **Acceptance of a donation from the Aetna Foundation, totaling \$266.20 to be deposited into the Student Activity Account. Submitted by Judy Seldner, Interim Principal at KES.**
- C. **Acceptance of a donation from the Haddam Junior Women's Club in the amount of \$50.00 to be deposited into our Student Activity Account. Submitted by Janice Harris, Principal of Haddam Elementary School.**
- D. **Acceptance of a donation from the HES PTO in the amount of \$2,250.00 to support classroom activities. Submitted by Janice Harris, Principal of Haddam Elementary School.**
- E. **Acceptance of a donation from an anonymous donor, totaling \$30.00 to be applied to HKHS Athletic programs.**

*Steven Banaletti **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

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| Becky Valenti | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> | Sue Twachtman | Absent |
| Chet Harris | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> | Steven Banaletti | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> |
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New Business

A. Set Graduation Date - June 2013

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Steven Banaletti **SECONDED** a motion to set the Haddam-Killingworth High School graduation date for June 24, 2013. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

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| Amy Jacques-Purdy | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> | Jonathan Wintsch | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Chet Harris | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> | Steven Banaletti | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> |
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B. Policy 5000 Series, distribution and introduction

Amy Jacques-Purdy distributed the Policy 5000 Series to the Board and gave a brief introduction.

C. Request for Proposal – Legal Services

The Board briefly discussed sending out the District’s legal services for a Request for Proposal. The Board agreed by consensus that it would like to consider putting out a Request for Proposal for Legal Services.

From the Superintendent

A. Legislative Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

B. Killingworth Elementary Principal Search

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

C. Personnel Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Personnel Report.

a. Long Term Substitute Non-Renewals

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to non-renew the Long Term substitutes as presented in Item 10.C.a of the April 2, 2013 agenda. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

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

Superintendent Thiery and Board Chair Karen Perry both stated that the non-renewal of these Long Term Substitutes is due to a technicality and is not a reflection of their performance.

D. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Enrollment Report.

From the Director of Fiscal Operations

Director of Fiscal Operations Martha Vaughn presented Budget Transfers.

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the budget transfers as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

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From the Board Chair

Board Chair Karen Perry announced that Jeannie Young agreed to serve on the Finance Subcommittee and Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee.

Board Discussion – Areas of Opportunities for District Improvement

Amy Jaques-Purdy made a suggestion that the Board look into improving its communications with the publication “The Patch” with regard to student activities and achievements and Board activities.

Adjournment

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to go into to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters at 8:22 PM. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

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Board Chair Karen Perry adjourned the meeting from Executive Session at approximately 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Susan Dean, Secretary