

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
January 22, 2013

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on January 22, 2013 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

***Members Present:** Sue Twachtman, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Chet Harris, Susan Dean, Becky Valenti, and Karen Perry*

***Members Absent:** Joel D'Angelo, Jaime Lehane, Peggie Bushey, Steven Banaletti, and Jonathan Wintsch*

***Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

***Visitors:** 3*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Curriculum Council Update

No report. The January meeting was not held.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Presentation and Discussion regarding School Security

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented "RSD 17 School Security and Safety: Summary/Review." The presentation discussed the Emergency Management Plans, Annual Events that correspond with maintaining the Emergency Management Plans, such as meetings with State and Town first responders, fire drills and lockdown or bomb threat drills and summarized procedures regarding existing structures. The presentation also covered what the District has been doing since December to review school safety and security. He also discussed the mental health support services the district offers and the partnerships the school has in the community and state to aid in its support services. He also outlined the next steps, such as the Multi-Stakeholder Committee which will review possible improvements to the School Security Processes and the Board's review of the committee's recommendation.

Board Chair Karen Perry thanked Superintendent Thiery for his presentation. Susan Dean also thanked Superintendent Thiery. Becky Valenti added that reviewing the School Security practice is really great and that practice of procedures is important.

Sue Twachtman reviewed some of the suggestions made at the Special Meeting, including having mirrors in the hallways, a resident trooper office at HKMS. She also mentioned printing evacuation plans on the back of key cards. She also said mental health is something the district should really look at and she liked the idea of drop boxes around the high school for students to submit concerns about friends anonymously. She mentioned that even if there were 10 false concerns submitted, it might be worthwhile for the one that might really help a student.

Susan Dean added that she liked the idea of panic buttons, which if feasible, could be used to alert everyone in the school of an emergency—especially ones that could be worn around the neck.

Amy Jacques-Purdy said that she thought the idea of placing large numbers outside of classrooms was a very good idea.

Karen Perry also remarked that CABE may be coming out with new policies pertaining to school security.

From the Board Chair

None

Adjournment

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:44 PM. Motion passed 6-0-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Peggie Bushey	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
Jaime Lehane	Absent	Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Jonathan Wintsch	Absent		

Board Chair Karen Perry adjourned the meeting from Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 2/5/2013
Susan Dean, Secretary