

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
December 18, 2012

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on December 18, 2012 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Members Present: *Joel D'Angelo, Peggie Bushey, Susan Dean, Becky Valenti, Jaime Lehane, and Karen Perry*

Members Absent: *Steven Banaletti, Sue Twachtman, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Chet Harris 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 7:35 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Chair Karen Perry asked the Board to observe a moment of silence in respect of the events at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown on December 14, 2012. Following the moment of silence, she thanked Superintendent Howard Thiery for his level of communication about the tragedy with the community. Superintendent Thiery thanked the Board and community for their support. Jaime Lehane and Susan Dean also thanked Mr. Thiery and noted that members of the community have mentioned their appreciation for his communication as well.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Curriculum Council Update

Susan Dean and Howard Thiery updated the Board.

Old Business

A. HKMS Washington DC Trip – April 23, 2014

Neil English proposed the trip to the Board. He explained that he is seeking approval earlier than before to allow extra time for fundraising and for parents to sign-up and spread payments for the trip out over 2013-2014. The expected cost per student is approximately \$485.00. They are also trying to ensure that they acquire hotel accommodations in the center city so that traveling within DC is easier for students with special needs. Members of the Board asked how many students typically do not attend and why, to which Neil English replied that about 15-20 kids don't go and that scholarships are available for students with financial need.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Jaime Lehane **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School trip to Washington, DC on April 23, 2014. Motion passed 6-0-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent	Peggie Bushey	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	Absent	Steven Banaletti	Absent
Jaime 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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Jonathan Wintsch	Absent		

New Business

A. Professional Development Presentation

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented an overview on Professional Development in the district. The presentation explained the goal of professional development, the times of the year that professional development events and sessions usually occur, and what types of professional development methods and systems are used. All district employees participate in professional development. A lengthy discussion about professional development and curriculum by the Board and Superintendent Thiery followed.

Adjournment

Prior to adjourning, Board Chair Karen Perry announced the intent to host a Community Workshop on January 10, 2012 at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School at 7:00 PM to allow for a community discussion on the events at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012.

Board Chair Karen Perry adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: Susan Dean Date: 1/8/2013
Susan Dean, Secretary