

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

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on September 18, 2012 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Members Present: *Chet Harris, Steven Banaletti, Susan Dean, Sue Twachtman, Joel D'Angelo, Becky Valenti, Jaime Lehane, and Karen Perry*

Amy Jacques-Purdy (arrived at approximately 8:00 PM)

Members Absent: *Peggie Bushey and Jonathan Wintsch*

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

Visitors: *13*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Curriculum Council Update

Howard Thiery updated the Board and reviewed the Curriculum Council Agenda.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Approval of an overnight Field Trip March 6-10, 2013 to Los Angeles, California for the Annual Student Television Network National Conference and Film Competition submitted by Chuck Lewis

Chuck Lewis and students Nicole Hausherr and Lauren Blewett presented the field trip to the Board. The field trip will be open to Honors Video and Digital Communication Students who have a C- or better in all courses. Nicole Hausherr and Lauren Blewett were both able to attend the field trip to the STN Conference in Dallas last year. They both felt that this conference was a great experience and appreciated having the opportunity to have a more practical experience than they can in the classroom, working on a film competition, networking with professionals in the industry and other students from around the country. The estimated costs out-of-pocket per student will be approximately \$375 for airfare plus food. The other expenses would be covered by fundraising and the budgeted funds.

Steven Banaletti **MOVED** and Chet Harris **SECONDED** a motion approve the Field Trip March 6-10, 2013 to Los Angeles, California for the Annual Student Television Network National Conference and Film Competition. Motion passed 8-0-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
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		

B. 2011-2012 Student Achievement Report – Howard Thiery

Howard Thiery gave a presentation to the Board, “Regional School District 17 Continuous Improvement Process CMT Data Analysis and Report 2011.”

Superintendent Thiery explained the new State of Connecticut Accountability System which measures students using a Student Performance Index (SPI) and Graduation Rate. The state received a No Child Left Behind Waiver, giving the state the ability to create its own standard of measuring student progress. Under the CMT or CAPT students score either a 0.0 for Below Basic, 0.33 for Basic, 0.66 for Proficient, and 1.00 for Goal/Advanced. The performance index score equals an average of all scores multiplied by 100. The state’s performance goals are an overall score of 88 and in all subgroups, an achievement gap of less than 10 index points, a High School 4-Year Graduation rate of 94% and a High School Extended Graduation Rate of 96%. The state would like to achieve these performance goals in all public schools within 10 years.

Regional School District 17 had a District Performance Index of 91.6 for the 2011-2012 school year. For a 2012-2013 District Performance Index Target the state would like the district to maintain its score. For Haddam Elementary, the 2011-2012 SPI is 87.3 and the 2012-2013 SPI Target is 87.8. For Burr Elementary, the 2011-2012 SPI is 92.1 and the 2012-2013 SPI Target is to maintain that score. For Killingworth Elementary, the 2011-2012 SPI is 88.2 and the 2012-2013 Target is 87.6. The Haddam-Killingworth Middle School 2011-2012 SPI is 93.1 with an SPI Target for 2012-2013 being to maintain this year’s score. For Haddam-Killingworth High School, the SPI is 82.4 and the 2012-2013 SPI Target is 83.3. Superintendent Thiery also gave the SPI scores of the different subgroups in each school as well as by testing subject.

Superintendent Thiery explained that there are two scoring methods for the CMT which answer two different questions: 1) How well do we raise student achievement to grade level achievement standards? 2) How well do we as a School System “grow” student achievement from year to year? To answer question 1, student proficiency at grade level standards is measured and then annual yearly progress is determined by the percentage of student at Proficient or above. To answer question 2, progress is measured by the vertical scale score and this scale places student achievement on the same 500 point scale (200-700) for CMT grades 3-8.

Superintendent Thiery than reviewed the CMT scores for math for grades 3 through 8 and the reading scores for grades 3 through 6.

Superintendent Thiery’s presentation was interrupted by a power-outage at approximately 8:45PM. Board Chair Karen Perry suggested that Mr. Thiery continue his presentation at the October meeting of the Board.

Adjournment

Board Chair Karen Perry called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:46 PM due to the power-outage.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson

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Board Clerk

Approval: *Susan Dean* Date: *10/2/2012*
Susan Dean, Secretary