

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**June 5, 2012**

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 5, 2012 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Susan Dean, Jonathan Wintsch, Sue Twachtman, Joel D'Angelo, Chet Harris, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Becky Valenti, Peggie Bushey, Jaime Lehane and Karen Perry*

**Members Absent:** *Steven Banaletti*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn, District Technology Manager Scott Butson, Student Representative Erin Buckley and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

**Visitors:** *Approximately 125*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called the meeting to order at 7:04PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**Audience of Citizens**

*No citizens addressed the Board.*

**Recognition Ceremonies**

**A. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth High School's Top Ten Students of the Class of 2012**

- No. 10: Hanna Kelly*
- No. 9: Alina Kostek*
- No. 8: Brianna Church*
- No. 7: Alexandra Raccio*
- No. 6: Emily Eldredge*
- No. 5: Cameron Gesick*
- No. 4: Rachel Roberts*
- No. 3: Thomas Day*
- No. 2: Megan Tischbein, Salutatorian*
- No. 1: Emma Soneson, Valedictorian*

**B. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School's CT Association of Schools (CAS) Scholars**

- 1. Mackenzie Pias of Higganum, CT*
- 2. Anthony Marino of Haddam, CT*

**C. Recognition of District Retirees**

- 1. Sandra Brown of Haddam Elementary School*
- 2. Jeanmarie Foisie of Haddam Elementary School*
- 3. Margaret French of Haddam Elementary School*
- 4. Larry Leone of Haddam-Killingworth High School*

5. *Pat McLaughlin of Haddam-Killingworth High School*
6. *Hans Strillbyckij of Haddam-Killingworth High School*

**D. Recognition of District Teachers of the Year**

1. *Amanda Albert for Burr Elementary School*
2. *Jeanmarie Foisie for Haddam Elementary School*
3. *Angela Bartelli for Killingworth Elementary School*
4. *Michele Oulette for Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
5. *Angela Miller for Haddam-Killingworth High School also named District Teacher of the Year*

**E. Recognition of District Staff Members of the Year**

1. *Linda Brencher for Burr Elementary School*
2. *Suzanne Hall for Haddam Elementary School*
3. *MaryAnne Lisk for Killingworth Elementary School*
4. *Gale Annicelli for Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
5. *Gina Voytek for Haddam-Killingworth High School*
6. *Pamela Hensel for Regional School District 17*

**Board Chair Karen Perry called for a recess at 8:11 PM.**

**Meeting reconvened at 8:33 PM.**

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to move Item 10.B. before the approval of minutes. Motion passed by show of hands 10-0-0.*

**New Business**

**B. HKHS Football Overnight Trip to St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield 8/21/12 – 8/23/12**

*The Board briefly discussed the nature of the trip and the chaperones' responsibilities.*

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Sue Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to approve the HKHS Football Overnight Trip to St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield 8/21/12 – 8/23/12. Motion passed 10-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>	Peggie Bushey	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
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
Jaime Lehane	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>	Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
Joel D'Angelo	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>	Karen Perry	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
Jonathan Wintsch	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>		

## Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of minutes for the May 1, 2012 Board of Education Meeting
- B. Approval of minutes for the May 7, 2012 Board of Education Annual Meeting
- C. Approval of minutes for the May 15, 2012 Board of Education – Education Subcommittee Meeting

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes for the May 1, 2012 Board of Education Meeting, the May 7, 2012 Board of Education Annual Meeting, and the May 15, 2012 Board of Education – Education Subcommittee Meeting. Motion passed 10-0-0 by the following votes:*

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

## Report from Student Representatives

*Erin Buckley updated the Board. Erin reported that they are in their last month of schools and that activities have really picked up as the year draws to a close. She also reported that the junior class had their prom on May 12, 2012 at Wadsworth Mansion and that it was fantastic. She also reported that the seniors had their prom on June 2.*

*On May 22, the language honor societies, held their inductions. The faculty advisor for both the Spanish Honor Society and French Honor Society, Dr. Borzain hosted the evening. The National Honor Society held its induction on May 31, organized by Ms. Allesandrine and featuring speeches from Mr. Macunas and Mr. Leoni.*

*Erin also reported that on May 23, the high school sponsored a mock car crash. Working with local state troopers, the fire department, EMS, a funeral home and Life Star, four students acted out the consequences of drunk driving. The student actors were Chris Groves, Alix Jansma, Chet Crocco and Taylor Emmerson. Erin Buckley and Carter Sullivan read the obituary and eulogy. Only seniors were invited to watch and the demonstration was very effective. The vehicle from the mock crash is on display with a sign from Youth and Family Services which reads, "Think about it."*

*On May 30, the Upperclassmen Award Ceremony was held and students were recognized for their academic and other achievements, including the announcement of the winners of the film fest. Freshman received their awards on June 7, 2012.*

*The junior class also attended a presentation about senior portraits by Kay Bagwell—students will be getting their portraits over the summer, and the presentation included photos and video clips from their prom.*

## Board Committee Reports

- A. Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee  
*Chet Harris reported that the committee did not meet.*
- B. Building Subcommittee (new school)  
*Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that the committee did not meet.*

**C. Finance Subcommittee**

*Jonathan Wintsch and Martha Vaughn updated the Board. Johnathan Wintsch reported that there were no budget transfers. Martha Vaughn reported that she presented the Financial Projection for June 30, 2012 and that the district received an excess cost check from the state at a 75% reimbursement rate, which was higher than the projected rate of 60% and \$198,000 more than anticipated. The projected budget balance for June 30, 2012 is \$345,812.69.*

**D. Policy Subcommittee**

*Amy Jacques-Purdy updated the Board. The subcommittee met on May 23, 2012 and worked on the 5000 series. The subcommittee will continue its work on the series on June 13, 2012.*

**E. Communications Subcommittee**

*Karen Perry and Susan Dean updated the Board. Karen Perry reported that the subcommittee pulled together the 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Update which went out over Constant Contact and was reported through the Patch. At the Conversations in Education event there were approximately 60 people in attendance, including students, teachers, parents, and a state senator, along with the Graustein Foundation.*

**Board Liaison Reports**

**A. Building Committee (Solar/Alternative energies)**

*Erin Buckley reported that the committee did not meet.*

**B. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council**

*Susan Dean updated the Board. Susan reported that at their meeting, they discussed the Conversations in Education event and their last meeting for the academic year will be June 7, 2012 at 8:00 AM at the Riverhouse.*

**C. LEARN**

*Sue Twachtman updated the Board. Sue Twachtman reported that she was unable to attend the May 10, 2012 meeting, however the Focus Group for the Executive Search would be held on June 14, 2012.*

**D. Park & Recreation**

*Jaime Lehane had no report.*

**E. Haddam Board of Selectmen**

*No report.*

**F. Killingworth Board of Selectmen**

*Susan Dean had no report.*

**Old Business**

**A. Capital Projects**

*The Board will address the proposed Capital Projects at the June 26, 2012 Special Meeting.*

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Acceptance of a donation, from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$45.00 to be applied to HKHS Athletic Programs. Submitted by Martha Vaughn.**

*Jonathan Wintsch **MOVED** and Chet Harris **SECONDED** a motion to accept the anonymous donation of \$45.00. Motion passed 10-0-0 by the following votes:*

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

**New Business – Continued**

**A. Technology Plan**

*The Board discussed the proposed Technology Plan at length with Scott Butson, District Technology Manager. RSD 17 is an E-Rate district. The Technology Plan expresses the strategy for the integration and implementation of technology in the district. The Board discussed the importance of education of technological literacy and its integration into the district's curriculum. Butson explained that the plan currently focuses on assessing competencies and that they are ultimately working towards more professional development and integration into the curriculum. Board Members including Chet Harris and Jonathan Wintsch expressed that they felt that this plan is a good plan. The Board also discussed the importance of consistency and that this plan is a good start towards that end.*

*Becky Valenti **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Technology Plan as presented. Motion passed 10-0-0 by the following votes:*

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

**C. Appointment of the following Administrator positions: Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator K-12, Math & Science Curriculum Coordinator K-12 and HKHS Dean of Academics**

*Amy Jacques-Purdy reported that members of the Board had hour-long interviews with each of the candidates. She was very impressed with each of the candidates. Sue Twachtman added that she was very impressed and felt that the candidates were outstanding and that she is excited with the plan. Board Chair Karen Perry added that it was great to meet the candidates and to gain an understanding of their responsibilities going forward.*

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the appointment of Bryan Kerachsky as Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator K-12, Sheila Ward as Math & Science Curriculum Coordinator K-12, and Maryann Grimaldi as Haddam-Killingworth High School Dean of Academics. Motion passed 10-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
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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"/>
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**From the Superintendent**

**A. Enrollment Report**

*Superintendent Thiery presented an Enrollment Report to the Board.*

**B. Personnel Report**

*Superintendent Thiery presented a Personnel Report to the Board.*

**From the Director of Fiscal Operations**

**A. Approval of 2012-2013 Assessment Schedule to Haddam and Killingworth**

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Assessment Schedule to Haddam and Killingworth. Motion passed 10-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Peggie Bushey	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
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Jonathan Wintsch	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

## Future Meetings

- A. **Facilities and Transportation:** June 7, 2012 at 6:30 PM in Central Office
- B. **Building Subcommittee (new school):** To Be Determined
- C. **Building Subcommittee (solar/alternative energies):** To Be Determined
- D. **Communications Subcommittee:** To Be Determined
- E. **Finance Subcommittee:** June 26, 2012 at 6:00 PM
- F. **Policy Subcommittee:** June 13, 2012 at 6:30 PM

## Adjournment

*Board Chair Karen Perry called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:13 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Larissa B. Johnson*

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Board Clerk

Approval: *Susan Dean* Date: *7/10/2012*  
*Susan Dean, Secretary*