



**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Regional School District 17 Board of Education Subcommittee was held on December 20, 2011 in the Lower Media Center of the Middle School. Board Chair, Keith Kelsey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: *Peggie Bushey, Chet Harris, Sue Twachtman, Susan Dean, Karen Perry, Joel D'Angelo, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Becky Valenti, Keith Kelsey, Jonathan Wintsch and Steven Banaletti*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery*

Visitors: Approximately 30

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board Chair, Keith Kelsey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

A. *Approval of minutes for the December 6, 2011 meeting*

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Steven Banaletti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2011 Board of Education Meeting as presented. Motion passed by the following votes:*

Steven Banaletti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>	Karen Perry	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	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"/>	Becky Valenti	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"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
		Keith Kelsey	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

New Business

A. *Changes to the agenda for December 20, 2011*

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to add to New Business Item A. "A possible change in the regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting for January 3, 2012" and move item A to item B. Motion passed by the following votes:*

Steven Banaletti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>	Karen Perry	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	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"/>	Becky Valenti	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"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
		Keith Kelsey	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

The Board discussed rescheduling the January 3rd meeting to January 10th. Superintendent Thiery explained with only 3 days of school between this meeting and the regularly scheduled meeting on January 3, 2012, there would be very little to act upon that soon after the holiday break.

Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to move the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education from January 3rd to January 10th, 2012. Motion passed by the following votes:

Steven Banaletti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>	Karen Perry	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	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"/>	Becky Valenti	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"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
		Keith Kelsey	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

Old Business

Reorganization of Board Sub-Committees

Keith Kelsey, Board Chair, appointed the following Board of Education members who expressed interest in serving on Board Committees:

A. Facilities and Transportation

Keith Kelsey - Chair
Sue Twachtman
Joel D'Angelo
Chet Harris

B. Building Subcommittee (new school)

Amy Jacques-Purdy
Howard Thiery, Superintendent – currently serving
Jo Ferjak and Mark Almeida will continue to serve until the project is 100% closed.

C. Education Subcommittee

Steven Banaletti	Karen Perry
Peggie Bushey	Sue Twachtman
Susan Dean	Becky Valenti
Joel D'Angelo	Jonathan Wintsch
Chet Harris	Keith Kelsey
Amy Jacques-Purdy	

D. Communications Subcommittee

Karen Perry - Chair
Steven Banaletti
Susan Dean
Sue Twachtman

E. Finance Subcommittee

Jonathan Wintsch - Chair
Steven Banaletti
Peggie Bushey
Joel D'Angelo

F. Policy Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy - Chair

Susan Dean

Joel D'Angelo

Becky Valenti

Colleen Fitzpatrick will serve as ex-officio through the 5000 Series as previously approved.

Reorganization of Appointed Liaisons

Keith Kelsey, Board Chair, appointed the following Board of Education members who expressed interest in serving as liaisons to the following committees:

- a. Building Subcommittee (solar/alternative energies) – Keith Kelsey
- b. Curriculum Council - Amy Jacques-Purdy, Susan Dean and Sue Twachtman
- c. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council – Susan Dean and Becky Valenti
- d. LEARN – Sue Twachtman, Becky Valenti will serve as alternate liaison
- e. HK Park & Recreation – Keith Kelsey
- f. Haddam Board of Selectmen liaison – Steven Banaletti, Becky Valenti will serve as alternate liaison
- g. Killingworth Board of Selectmen liaison – Susan Dean, Peggie Bushey will serve as alternate liaison

New Business

B. Program Presentation & Discussion

- Administrative Rounds Presentation – Superintendent Thiery

Superintendent Thiery explained that Leadership Rounds are a new initiative to RSD17, professional development in a new and different way. The outcome, he noted, is professional learning by sharing dialog, a Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) with an action plan design and systemic accountability.

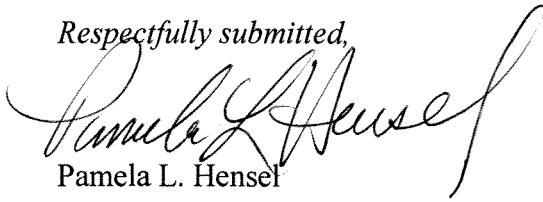
Superintendent Thiery explained that although teachers and their classrooms are observed during leadership rounds, they are not “the work” administrators are “the work.” Leaders asking themselves, what do we need to do as leaders to maximize structures that support student engagement and reduce structures that inhibit student engagement?

Rounds occur monthly from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and are held in a different school each month. The host administrator offers a 20 minute presentation sharing their Theory of Action and CIP Goals, then allowing 10 minutes for clarifying questions. Next is a 25 minute visitation to classrooms looking for evidence of student instructional engagement, followed by a 30 minute small group debrief discussing what was observed and what leaders need to do to support, develop, or produce the conditions that lead to student instructional engagement. This is followed by a whole group debrief beginning with each small group sharing what they learned and the consensus they came to based on; the alignment of evidence of engagement, the common definition of instructional engagement in the varied curricular disciplines and the leadership practices that support instructional engagement. Finally, the rounds follow-up which is facilitated by assigned colleagues asking the essential question: What are the leadership steps you will take next as a result of Rounds? Followed six months later, by a collegial revisit to look for results of new initiatives, structures, and systems implemented after rounds.

Adjournment

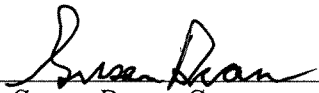
Keith Kelsey, Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela L. Hensel

Acting Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 1/10/2012
Susan Dean, Secretary