

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 1, 2011

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on November 1, 2011 in the Central Office Boardroom. Board of Education Chair, Amy Jacques-Purdy, called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM.

Members Present: *Amy Jacques-Purdy, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Mark Almeida, Robin Chasse, Jo Ferjak, Susan Dean, Keith Kelsey (arrived at approximately 7:35 PM), Jonathan Wintsch and Chet Harris*

Members Absent: *Steven Banaletti and James Lippert*

Also Present: *Howard Thiery, Superintendent of Schools and Martha Vaughn, Director of Fiscal Operations, Emily Buckley and Emily Meredith – Student Representatives*

Visitors: *4*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Amy Jacques-Purdy called the meeting to order at 7:28 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

None

Changes to the Agenda for November 1, 2011

A. Addition of “Field Trip for Science Dept. to the AAS Conference” to the Nov. 1, 2011 Board of Education Agenda as Item 7.D

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Robin Chasse **SECONDED** a motion to approve the addition of “Field Trip for Science Dept. to AAS” to the agenda as item 7.D. Motion passed 8-0-0.*

B. Presentation of Items 7.B, 7.C and 7.D following Board Committee Reports

*Colleen Fitzpatrick **MOVED** and Robin Chasse **SECONDED** a motion to move up the presentation of items 7.A, 7.B and 7.D to follow the Board Committee Reports. Motion passed 8-0-0.*

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of minutes for the September 19, 2011 Special Meeting 9.19.11(a)

*Colleen Fitzpatrick **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes for the September 19, 2011 Special Meeting 9.19.11(a). Motion passed 5-0-3.*

B. Approval of minutes for the October 4, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Colleen Fitzpatrick **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes for the October 4, 2011 Board of Education Meeting with the addition of the actual motion passed. Motion passed 9-0-0.

C. Approval of minutes for the October 18, 2011 Board of Education Meeting – Education Subcommittee Meeting

Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Colleen Fitzpatrick **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes for the October 18, 2011 Board of Education – Education Subcommittee Meeting with the change of the seconded motion to adjourn by Susan Dean. Motion passed 6-0-3.

Board Committee Reports

A. Report from Student Representatives

Erin Buckley and Emily Meredith updated the Board.

B. Facilities and Transportation

Mark Almeida updated the Board.

C. Building Subcommittee (new school)

Mark Almeida updated the Board.

D. Building Subcommittee (solar/alternative energies)

Erin Buckley updated the Board.

E. Education Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy updated the Board.

F. Communications Subcommittee

Colleen Fitzpatrick updated the Board.

G. Finance Subcommittee

Mark Almeida reported that the committee met November 1, 2011 and discussed transfers to be approved.

H. Policy Subcommittee

Colleen Fitzpatrick updated the Board.

I. Personnel Subcommittee

Mark Almeida updated the Board.

J. Audit Subcommittee

Robin Chasse reported that the Audit Subcommittee is merging with the Finance Committee.

K. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council rep.

Susan Dean updated the Board.

- L. LEARN representative**
Robin Chasse updated the Board.
- M. Park & Recreation representative**
Keith Kelsey updated the Board.
- N. Haddam Board of Selectmen liaison**
Steve Banaletti was not present to give a report.
- O. Killingworth Board of Selectmen liaison**
Susan Dean updated the Board.

New Business

- A. Approval of “Field Trip to Grand Canyon/Zion in April 2013”**

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Chet Harris **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Field Trip to the Grand Canyon/Zion in April 2013. Motion passed 9-0-0.*

- B. Approval of “Field Trip for Science Dept. to AAS Conference”**

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Field Trip to the AAS Conference January 8-13, 2011. Motion passed 9-0-0.*

Old Business

- A. RSD 17 Strategic Plan**

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Keith Kelsey **SECONDED** a motion to approve the “Regional School District 17 Board of Education Strategic Plan 2012-2017 Goals” as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0.*

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of donation of \$2250 to HES from HES PTO to support classroom activities**
- B. Acceptance of donation of Concession Stand to HKHS from Touchdown Club**
- C. Acceptance of donation of Flag Pole to HKHS from Lions Club**
- D. Acceptance of donation of equipment and supplies to HKHS from an anonymous donor**

*Keith Kelsey **MOVED** and Mark Almeida **SECONDED** a motion to approve Items A-D of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0.*

New Business – Continued

C. Policy Review: 4000 Series (First Read)

Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve name Colleen Fitzpatrick as an ex-officio member of the Policy Subcommittee through the review and approval of the 5000 series. Motion passed 9-0-0.

From the Chair

Amy Jacques-Purdy acknowledged and thanked on behalf of the Board and the district the upcoming retirement of the following members from their service to the Board of Education:

Jo Ferjak who served 10 years,
Robin Chasse who served 5 years, and
Colleen Fitzpatrick who served 4 years.

Amy Jacques-Purdy thanked these members for their dedication and countless hours of service. Susan Dean also added that she was thankful for their helpfulness to new members and that they will be missed.

From the Superintendent

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board on the District's response to Winter Storm Alfred.

From the Director of Fiscal Operations

A. Budget Transfers

Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Robin Chasse **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Budget Transfers as presented on November 1, 2011. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Future meetings

- A. Facilities and Transportation: November 10, 2011 at 6:30 PM
- B. Building Subcommittee (new school): No date set at this time.
- C. Building Subcommittee (solar/alternative energies): November 15, 2011 – Lunch at HKHS
- D. Education Subcommittee: November 15, 2011 at 7:30 PM
- E. Communications Subcommittee: November 15, 2011 at 6:30 PM
- F. Finance Subcommittee: November 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM
- G. Policy Subcommittee: November 16, 2011 at 5:30 PM
- H. Personnel Subcommittee: No date set at this time.
- I. Audit Subcommittee: No date set at this time.
- J. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council: No date confirmed at this time.
- K. LEARN: November 10, 2011
- L. HK Park & Recreation: November 23, 2011 (to be confirmed).

M. Haddam Board of Selectmen liaison: No date set at this time.

N. Killingworth Board of Selectmen liaison: November 7, 2011 and November 21, 2011

Adjournment

Colleen Fitzpatrick **MOVED** and Robin Chasse **SECONDED** to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Motion passed 9-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa Johnson

Approval: _____
Colleen Fitzpatrick, Secretary _____
Date