

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 4, 2011

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on October 4, 2011 in the Central Office Boardroom. Board of Education Chair, Amy Jacques-Purdy, called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Members Present: *Amy Jacques-Purdy, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Mark Almeida, Robin Chasse, Jo Ferjak, Steven Banaletti, James Lippert, Susan Dean, Keith Kelsey, Jonathan Wintsch and Chet Harris*

Members Absent: *None*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery 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 7:36 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

Dr. Pamela Murphy addressed the Board.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of minutes for the August 2, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes for the August 2, 2011 Board of Education Meeting as amended to include the correction of typographical errors on page 2 and the following corrections on page 4, below the heading “Board of Education Meeting Dates – 2011-2012 Meeting Schedule” the deletion of the following discussion: “James Lippert inquired as to whether the new hires represented the creation of new positions which would impact the budget. Howard Thiery advised that all of the new hires filled vacancies which opened as previous employees retired or resigned following Spring 2011.*

B. Approval of minutes for the August 23, 2011 Board of Education Meeting – Education Subcommittee Meeting

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes for the August 23, 2011 Board of Education – Education Subcommittee Meeting. Motion passed 11-0-0.*

C. Approval of minutes for the September 6, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Colleen Fitzpatrick **SECONDED** a motion to approve the minutes for the September 6, 2011 Board of Education Meeting. Motion passed 11-0-0.

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)

Mark Almeida updated the Board.

E. Education Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy had no report at this time.

F. Communications Subcommittee

Amy Jacques-Purdy had no report at this time.

G. Finance Subcommittee

Mark Almeida updated the Board.

H. Policy Subcommittee

Colleen Fitzpatrick updated the Board.

I. Personnel Subcommittee

Mark Almeida updated the Board.

J. Audit Subcommittee

Robin Chasse had no report at this time.

K. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council rep.

Susan Dean updated the Board.

L. LEARN representative

Robin Chasse had no report at this time.

M. Park & Recreation representative

Keith Kelsey advised that the committee met on September 28, 2011, but had no report at this time.

N. Haddam Board of Selectmen liaison

Steve Banaletti updated the Board.

O. Killingworth Board of Selectmen liaison

Susan Dean updated the Board.

New Business

- A. Approval of Fundraising for Overnight Field Trip to Dallas, Texas for the Student Television Network National Conference and Film Competition submitted by Chuck Lewis**

*James Lippert **MOVED** and Colleen Fitzpatrick **SECONDED** a motion to approve fundraising for the overnight field trip to the Student Television Network National Conference.*

Consent Agenda

- A. Acceptance of donated items from Dollar Tree Store of Middletown, CT submitted by Eric D. Larson, Principal, Burr District Elementary School**
- B. Acceptance of donation from Target in the amount of \$107.86 submitted by Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School**
- C. Acceptance of donation from Target in the amount of \$115.49 submitted by Charles Macunas, Principal of Haddam Killingworth High School**
- D. Acceptance of donation from Target in the amount of \$61.26 submitted by Janice Harris, Principal of Haddam Elementary School**
- E. Acceptance of donation from State of Connecticut Department of Health for participating in “Every Smile Counts Oral Health Survey” in the amount of \$50.00 submitted by Janice Harris, Principal of Haddam Elementary School**

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Keith Kelsey **SECONDED** a motion to approve Items A-E of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed 11-0-0.*

From the Chair

Amy Jacques-Purdy read to the Board a letter from Selectwoman Catherine Iino thanking Howard Thiery and other members of the Killingworth community for their hard work and efforts during Hurricane Irene.

From the Superintendent

A. Personnel

1. New Hires and Terminations

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the Board with a list of New Hires: Jessica Bergum as Paraprofessional at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School and Jon Dalton as Head Custodian at Haddam Elementary School and a Termination: Daniel Cote, Custodian at Killingworth Elementary School.

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Robin Chasse **SECONDED** a motion to accept the new hires of Jessica Bergum as Paraprofessional at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School and Jon Dalton as Head*

Custodian at Haddam Elementary School and the Termination of Daniel Cote, Custodian at Killingworth Elementary School. Motion Passed 11-0-0.

Amy Jacques-Purdy expressed a “welcome” on behalf of the Board to the new hires.

B. 2012/2013 Budget Timeline

Superintendent Thiery presented the Board with a proposed 2012/2013 Budget Timeline.

Mark Almeida proposed the following changes to the proposed 2012/2013 Budget Timeline:

- 1. Joint Meeting with Town and Board to be held March 12, 2011, rather than March 20, 2011.*
- 2. Community Input for the 2012/2013 Budget meeting to be held March 20, 2011, rather than March 26, 2011.*
- 3. Budget Workshop, followed by possible vote on budget to be held March 26, 2011.*

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Robin Chasse **SECONDED** a motion to approve the 2012/2013 Budget Timeline as amended. Motion passed 11-0-0.*

From the Director of Fiscal Operations

A. Budget Transfers

Martha Vaughn, Director of Fiscal Operations presented the Board with a list of Budget Transfers well as a Request for Budget Transfer for funds from Support Salaries OT/PT to Professional Services to cover OT Contracted Services. Mark Almeida advised the Board the Finance Subcommittee had reviewed and approved these budget transfers as presented.

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Robin Chasse **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Budget Transfers as presented on October 4, 2011 as well as the Request for Budget Transfer from Support Salaries OT/PT to Professional Services as presented. Motion passed 10-0-1.*

Future meetings

- A. Facilities and Transportation: October 13, 2011 at 6:30 PM*
- B. Building Subcommittee (new school): No date set at this time.*
- C. Building Subcommittee (solar/alternative energies): No date set at this time.*
- D. Education Subcommittee: October 18, 2011 at 7:30 PM*
- E. Communications Subcommittee: October 18, 2011 at 6:30 PM*
- F. Finance Subcommittee: October 18, 2011 at 6:30 PM*
- G. Policy Subcommittee: No date set at this time.*
- H. Personnel Subcommittee: No date set at this time.*
- I. Audit Subcommittee: No date set at this time.*
- J. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council: October 19, 2011*
- K. LEARN: October 13, 2011*
- L. HK Park & Recreation: October 26, 2011*
- M. Haddam Board of Selectmen liaison: October 5, 2011 and October 19, 2011*
- N. Killingworth Board of Selectmen liaison: October 11, 2011 and October 24, 2011*
- O. Strategic Planning Subcommittee: October 5, 2011*

Adjournment

*Keith Kelsey **MOVED** and James Lippert **SECONDED** for the Board of Education to go into an Executive Session at 8:51 PM. Motion passed 11-0-0.*

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and James Lippert **SECONDED** for the Board of Education Executive Session to adjourn at 9:13 PM. Motion passed 11-0-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa Johnson

Approval: _____
Colleen Fitzpatrick, Secretary _____
Date