

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATIO
September 6, 2011

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on September 6, 2011 in the Central Office Boardroom. Board of Education Chair, Amy Jacques-Purdy, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Members Present: *Amy Jacques-Purdy, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Mark Almeida, Robin Chasse, Jo Ferjak, Steven Banaletti, James Lippert, Susan Dean (arrived at 7:40 PM), and Keith Kelsey (arrived at 7:50 PM).*

Members Absent: *Jonathan Wintsch and Chet Harris*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Martha Vaughn, Director of Fiscal Operations*

Visitors: *7*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Amy Jacques-Purdy called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A. Motion to Add Item 2 – Audience of Citizens to Agenda

*Robin Chasse **MOVED** and Mark Almeida **SECONDED** a motion to add “Item 2 – Audience of Citizens” to September 6, 2011 Board of Education Agenda and increase item numbers subsequent. Motion passed 7-0-0.*

Audience of Citizens

Lauren McCue addressed the board regarding the bus routes in the Forest Ridge area for the 2011-2012 school year.

Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of minutes for the August 2, 2011 Board of Education Meeting and the August 23, 2011, Board of Education, Education Subcommittee Meeting

*Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to table the approval of minutes for the August 2, 2011 Board of Education Meeting and the August 23, 2011, Board of Education, Education Subcommittee Meeting. Motion passed 9-0-0.*

Board Committee Reports

A. Report from Student Representatives

None – Students are off for summer break.

B. Facilities and Transportation

Mark Almeida had no report at this time.

- C. Building Subcommittee (new school)**
Mark Almeida had no report at this time. Meeting scheduled for September 13, 2011.
- D. Building Subcommittee (solar/alternative energies)**
Mark Almeida had no report at this time.
- E. Education Subcommittee**
Amy Jacques-Purdy updated the Board. The committee discussed the Parmalee Farms agreement and accepted the gift of the installation of the Learning Trail from United Way.
- F. Communications Subcommittee**
Robin Chasse reported that the committee met on August 23, 2011 and discussed the reorganization of the committee.
- G. Finance Subcommittee**
Mark Almeida reported that the committee met September 6, 2011 and that the committee reviewed payments and the general fund which was doing well.
- H. Policy Subcommittee**
Mark Almeida had no report at this time.
- I. Personnel Subcommittee**
Mark Almeida had no report at this time.
- J. Audit Subcommittee**
Robin Chasse reported that the committee met briefly as part of the finance subcommittee meeting and discussed that the audit was progressing as it should be and that the committee will be reviewing its contract with the current auditors.
- K. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council rep.**
Susan Dean had no report at this time.
- L. LEARN representative**
Robin Chasse reported that there will be a meeting September 8, 2011.
- M. Park & Recreation representative**
Keith Kelsey had no report at this time.
- N. Haddam Board of Selectmen liaison**
Steve Banaletti had no report at this time.
- O. Killingworth Board of Selectmen liaison**
Susan Dean reported that she spoke personally with the First Selectman regarding installing recycling bins into Killingworth schools.

From the Chair

Amy Jacques-Purdy updated the Board.

From the Superintendent

B. Personnel

1. New Hires

Superintendent Howard Thiery advised the board that all teaching vacancies had been filled prior to the commencement of the new school year.

Robin Chasse **MOVED** and Colleen Fitzpatrick **SECONDED** a motion to accept the new hires as presented. Motion passed 10-0-0.

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

2. Resignation of Bethany Kohary, Haddam Elementary School Art Teacher

Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Colleen Fitzpatrick **SECONDED** a motion to accept the resignation of Bethany Kohary. Motion passed 10-0-0.

Amy Jacques-Purdy wished Bethany Kohary the best of luck on behalf of the Board.

From the Director of Fiscal Operations

Martha Vaughn updated the Board.

Future meetings

- A. Facilities and Transportation: Sept. 8, 2011 at 6:30 PM
- B. Building Subcommittee (new school): Sept. 13 at 6:30 PM at HKMS.
- C. Building Subcommittee (solar/alternative energies): No date set at this time.
- D. Education Subcommittee: Sept. 20, 2011 at 7:30 PM
- E. Communications Subcommittee: Sept. 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM
- F. Finance Subcommittee: Oct. 4, 2011
- G. Policy Subcommittee: Sept. 21, 2011 at 5:30 PM
- H. Personnel Subcommittee: Sept. 28, 2011 at 6:30 PM
- I. Audit Subcommittee: No date set at this time.
- J. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council: No date set at this time.
- K. LEARN: Sept. 8, 2011
- L. HK Park & Recreation: Sept. 30, 2011
- M. Haddam Board of Selectmen liaison: Sept. 14, 2011
- N. Killingworth Board of Selectmen liaison: No date set at this time.
- O. Strategic Planning Subcommittee: Sept. 14, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment

Mark Almeida **MOVED** and Robin Chasse **SECONDED** for the Board of Education to go into an Executive Session at 8:44 PM. Motion passed 10-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa Johnson

Approval: _____
Colleen Fitzpatrick, Secretary _____
Date