

**Regional School District No. 17  
Strategic Planning Subcommittee Special Meeting  
October 27, 2020**

**REVISED**

A special meeting of the Regional School District 17 Board of Education Strategic Planning Subcommittee was held on October 27, 2020 at 4:08 p.m. at Central Office in the Board Room and via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference. (Live Stream)

**Subcommittee Members Present:** Eileen Blewett, Jennifer Favalora, Shawna Goldfarb, Suzanne Sack, and Prem Aithal, Chair

**Subcommittee Members Absent:** Peter Sonski.

**Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman

**Call to Order:** The meeting was to order at 4:08 p.m. by Prem Aithal.

**Agenda Item #2 – Approval of October 13, 2020 Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Shawna Goldfarb and seconded by Eileen Blewett. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item #3 – Update on Vision of Graduate Steering Committee:** Dr. Holly Hageman discussed the establishment of a cross-sectional steering committee for the Vision of the Graduate, which will include her, two BOE members, representation from HKYFS, Town Leadership from Haddam/Killingworth, principals, teachers, and parents at every level, 2 students from HKHS, and Jonathan Costa, consultant, EdAdvance. The launch of this committee will occur during the Professional Development day on November 3, 2020 between 12:30-3 PM in the HKI/MS cafeteria. In addition, there will be a scheduled retreat for this committee somewhere in the early December timeframe to “draft & craft.” There will be prereading material discussed (introduced during launch meeting) and there will be several interactions on “Thought Exchange.”

**Agenda Item #4 – Review & Finalization of Strategic Planning Subcommittee Objectives:** While the objectives were not finalized, a preliminary document of objectives was provided for the subcommittee to react to. Besides minor clerical changes (date changes to 2021 vs. 2020), it was determined the key aspects missing were more detail on the research component of the Strategic Plan. Prem Aithal agreed to update the document to include this piece and more detail and update the dates.

**Agenda Item #5 – Tentative Meeting Schedule:** A tentative meeting schedule was presented for discussion which included the rest of 2020 and meetings all the way to Oct 2021 with generally a 2 week cadence. The subcommittee agreed on the remaining 2020 dates and times (11/17 4-5:30 PM ET, 12/1 4-5:30 PM ET, 12/15 4-5:30 PM) & the first meeting in 2021 (1/5/2021 4-5:30 PM ET). It was agreed that the meeting frequency for the rest of 2021 would be reevaluated after the Vision of the Graduate retreat discussed in Agenda Item #4.

**Agenda Item #6 - Discussion of Peer Town/Districts Strategic Plans/Vision of Graduate:** A summary of themes and differences from strategic plans of 3 peer school systems (Simsbury, Watertown, and RSD #8) were discussed.

**Adjournment:** Prem Aithal called for the meeting to adjourn at 5:06 p.m.