

## **Regular Meeting**

### **KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

Town Hall, 172 Main St.

The meeting will be streamed on Channel 22

### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Doug Farrow, Janice Joly, Jason Muscara, Kyle Napierata,  
Lydia Rivera-Abrams.  
Present via Zoom: Norm Ferron, Hoween Flexer, Chris Viens, Madelyn Sumner  
Grace Gilman.

**Absent with  
Notification:** Greg Biggs,

**Others Present:** Interim Superintendent Dr. Diane Summa, Assistant Superintendent,  
Paul Brenton, and Keely Doyle, Recording Secretary.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Killingly Board of Education Chairperson, Mr. Doug Farrow called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

#### **2. ROLL CALL-see above**

#### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **5. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

October 2020 Employee of the month, Allison Darigan was recognized by the Board, via Zoom. Allison is a paraprofessional at Goodyear Early Childhood Center and has worked with Killingly Public Schools since 2015.

#### **6. GOODYEAR EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT**

Director of Goodyear Early Childhood Center, and the Family Resource Center, Ms. Sally Sherman shared many notable services that she and staff in her building provide. Ms. Sherman was joined by Emily Ross, School Readiness Liaison and Homeless Liaison. Open House was held in August, virtually, and it was very well received. Home visits took place in August and with new parents and home visits continue through-out the year.

GECC staff and children are following National Association for the Education of Young Children Health Standards cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting protocols. Staff implemented outdoor learning in the courtyard.

GECC focus is on schools providing access to a broad continuum of early childhood and family support services.

The Family Resource Center (FRC) offers services that reflect individual needs of the community. FRC is overseen by the CT State Dept. of Education and is grant funded. FRC supports early childhood before/after school child care, developmental screenings, community playgroups, home visiting for prenatal through age 5, and is a satellite site of the Interfaith Human Services of Putnam Diaper Bank. FRC participates in the district's emergency food program and provides weekend food and snack backpacks. FRC also provides an array of resources, referrals, participates in seasonal outreach services such as providing holiday meal baskets, and Tommy Toy Fund. Emily Ross oversees many of the services offered at FRC and manages the Killingly Community Store. A partnership with the Salvation Army was established with Emily's help. The store's location, hours and how the public can access the community store was shared. All items in the store are free and the store is open to everyone. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, the store is only open on Saturdays from 10:00-2:00 p.m. Items include clothing, coats, boots, household items, toiletries, etc. The store is an important resource in the community and benefits many, many people.

## **7. BOARD CHAIR UPDATE**

Mr. Farrow conveyed that Dr. Erardi, of JE Consultants, has been impressive managing the superintendent search. Dr. Erardi brought forth 23 applications to members of the Hiring Committee. After the committee reviewed applications and discussion, they decided to interview eight applicants, and interviews were held in two evenings. Three finalists have been selected for 2<sup>nd</sup> round interviews. The process will continue with a new superintendent, most likely, being determined by mid-December.

## **8. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

### **8.A. Alliance Building Improvement Grant Update**

Mr. Brenton shared information and more details regarding proposed projects and improvements proposed in the Alliance Districts School Building Grant Program Application package. Board members were given projected costs for each proposed upgrade or project. Upgrades to the district's phone system is a significant part of the package and each building will receive phone upgrades. Upgrades related to safety security and video cameras were not approved and the projected costs for these projects have been re-allocated to other areas. Some of the other upgrades include GECC bathroom, counter and cabinet upgrades, KCS and KMS locker upgrades, replacement of all bubbler fountains, water tank replacement and communication upgrades at KIS, and door handles and locks at GECC, KCS, KMS and KIS. Projects eventually will go out to bid.

### **8.B. November 2nd and November 4th Back to School Update**

Dr. Summa shared that parents should check the KPS website for information of when students will be returning to school. Specific dates of return by school and cohorts is on the district's website. Students will return either on November 2 or November 4 and is dependent on which school the student attends. Principals will also communicate the same information to parents through Friday folders, emails, or robocalls. There is no school for students and teachers on November 3.

### **8.C. Update Regarding Transfer into the Non-Lapsing Account of 2019-20FY Budget Surplus**

Board members were given a copy of the October 15, 2020 letter that was sent to Mr. Jason Anderson, Town Council Chairperson. The letter was the official request to transfer \$880,945 from the anticipated

2019-20FY surplus into the non-lapsing account. The amount does not exceed the limitation of 2% of that years' budget and the accumulation of funds that is capped at two million dollars.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** by Mr. Muscara, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to adjourn.  
**Unanimous**  
**Motion Carries**

The October 28, 2020 Killingly Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Keely Doyle*  
Recording Secretary