

Regular Meeting

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday December 16, 2020

7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Note: Due to tonight's weather, Board members are participating from their homes, via Zoom.

Present Mr. Doug Farrow, Mr. Greg Biggs, Norm Ferron, Ms. Hoween Flexer,
Via Zoom: Ms. Janice Joly, Mr. Jason Muscara, Mr. Kyle Napierata, and Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams. Absent with Notification: Mr. Chris Viens.

Others: Interim Superintendent, Dr. Diane Summa, Assistant Superintendent,
Present Mr. Paul Brenton, Keely Doyle, Recording Secretary,
Town Manager, Ms. Mary Calorio. Guest via Zoom: Mr. Robert Angeli.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Doug Farrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL- see above

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT-No comments.

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Ms. Joly to postpone agenda item #5 until
Town Council Chairman, Mr. Anderson arrives.
Unanimous
Motion Carries

6. REPORT BY KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Madelyn Sumner, and Grace Gilman shared that KIS celebrated Pajama Day and raised \$500 to be donated to childhood cancer.

KHS will hold a winter celebration virtual concert on Dec. 23 @ 7:00 p.m. The KHS Robotics team ranked high in the national robotics competition.

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR UPDATE

Mr. Doug Farrow shared that Robert Angeli's start date is January 9th as the districts' new superintendent. Dr. Summa will be working with Mr. Angeli to help with the transition.

8. KMS BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Town Manager, Mary Calorio shared that the Town Council held a public hearing on Dec. 12 to consider and take action on an ordinance amending the appropriating and borrowing authorization for the KMS School Project in the amount of 34M. The expanded project was approved by Town Council and the application is being processed at the State level.

9. BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.A. Curriculum Sub-Committee- Mr. Greg Biggs shared that the subcommittee has not met.

9.B. Facilities Sub-Committee -The subcommittee has not met.

9.C. Fiscal Sub-Committee

9.C.1. November 2020 Financial Reports

Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams shared that the fiscal subcommittee met on December 10.

There are ten outstanding purchase orders totaling \$89,968 from 2019-20FY. GECC enrollment is down and there are two vacancies. Ms. Rivera-Abrams suggested that the superintendent collaborate with the policy subcommittee members to discuss waiving student electronic repair fees. Currently, student outplacement line item is just within the budget of appropriations. Reduced enrollment and school closings due to COVID-19 have impacted the revenue collected for the preschool program at GECC and KCS, this may result in a deficit this year, requiring additional local funding. Efforts continue to appeal unemployment compensation claims.

The anticipated request for a \$880,945 transfer into the non-lapsing account and approximately \$364,385 return to the Town will take place after the financial audit is complete.

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON

Jason Anderson shared that on December 12, Town Council approved the KMS project as renovate as new, at the cost of 34M with a 72% reimbursement. The project application was submitted by December 15 to the State and did make this years' priority list for legislation to review. A hearing is scheduled for January 12, 2021 authorize \$880,945 to the non-lapsing account . Town Council approved the SRO memorandum of agreement.

9.D. Policy Sub-Committee

Jason Muscara shared that the committee met on and the committee is forwarding to the whole Board, approval to add language, "political beliefs/values" to Policy #5145.4 Students- Non-discrimination. In addition, Mr. Lagace's omitted and replace with " 'Director of Pupil Services'".

9.D.1. First Reading of Policy #5145.4 Students- Non-discrimination

MOTION: by Mr. Mascara, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to forgo the second reading to accept revisions and approve the policy as presented.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed changes to the policy. Ms. Flexer shared her concerns of adding the new language to a policy that reflects federal recognized and mandated non-discriminations classes.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to amend the motion to delay any changes to this policy until Shipman and Goodwin review and advise the Board regarding the proposed changes or additional language.

Roll Call Vote

No - 6, Norm Ferron, Janice Joly, Jason Muscara, Kyle Napierata, Lydia Rivera-Abrams, and Doug Farrow.

Yes - 2, Greg Biggs, Hoween Flexer.

Motion Fails

Original motion:

MOTION: by Mr. Muscara, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to forgo second reading to accept revisions to the policy as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Yes - 7, Greg Biggs, Norm Ferron, Janice Joly, Jason Muscara, Kyle Napierata, Lydia Rivera-Abrams, and Doug Farrow.

No - 1, Hoween Flexer

Motion Carries

9.E. Personnel Sub-Committee- Dr. Summa

Ms. Flexer expressed her concerns and asked that it be noted that sick time requests, in the past, have been discussed by Board members in executive session and past procedures should continue.

9.E.1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding KEA Sick Bank Request

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Ms. Joly that the Board approve a Sick Bank request as recommended by the personnel subcommittee. for teacher, C.W

Unanimous

Motion Carries

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Rivera-Abrams asked to pull consent item, 10.D December 2020 Student Enrollment.

MOTION: by Mr. Muscara, seconded by Mr. Biggs that the Board approve consent items;
10.A. November 2020 Issued Checks
10.B November 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
10.C December 9 Special BoE Meeting Minutes
~~10.D December 2020 Student Enrollment~~

Unanimous

Motion Carries

Ms. Rivera-Abrams asked for clarification regarding how student enrollment numbers are determined and from where they originate. Dr. Summa shared that numbers are taken and generated from Powerschool, a

student database system. The student enrollment chart is only student *enrollment*, not attendance, and attendance is taken every school day even for remote learning.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve consent item 10.D
December 2020 Student Enrollment.
Unanimous
Motion Carries

Since new superintendent, Mr. Robert Angeli is expected to start his appointment on January 9, Ms. Rivera-Abrams thanked Dr. Diane Summa for serving as the interim superintendent over the past several months, adding that Dr. Summa did a tremendous job in her role, especially under extenuating circumstances dealing with the COVID19 pandemic and the Board is very thankful that Dr. Summa took on this role.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Ms. Flexer to adjourn.
Unanimous
Motion Carries

The December 16, 2020 Killingly Board of Education adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Keely Doyle
Board of Education Recording Secretary