

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 01, 2021

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 1, 2021 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium and via HK TV - Live Stream. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: *Peter Sonski, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Prem Aithal, Jennifer Favalora, Eileen Blewett, Joanne Nesti, Brenda Buzzi, Shawna Goldfarb, Kathleen Zandi and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *Joel D'Angelo*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Adam Apicella, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, Student Services Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dolores Bates, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School, Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, and Curriculum Coordinator, Heather Rigatti*

Visitors: *Approximately 100*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Recognition Ceremonies:

A. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth High School's Top Ten Students of the Class of 2021:

Superintendent Dr. Holly Hageman presented the Top Ten Students of the Class of 2021 as follows:

- No. 10: John Bosco of Haddam*
- No. 9: Katja Berardino of Killingworth*
- No. 8: Kaitlyn Parri of Killingworth*
- No. 7: Jaden Mack of Haddam*
- No. 6: Matthew Jennings of Killingworth*
- No. 5: Kelsey Lonergan of Higganum*
- No. 4: Malin Nystrom of Killingworth*
- No. 3: Tessa Wills of Killingworth*
- No. 2: Julian Spector of Higganum, Salutatorian*
- No. 1: Maxwell Cozean of Haddam, Valedictorian*

B. Recognition of District Retirees:

Superintendent Dr. Holly Hageman presented the Recognition of District Retirees as follows:

1. *Juliann Bacewicz, of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School*
2. *Kathleen Briotti, of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School*
3. *Jill MacDiarmid of Killingworth Elementary School and Burr Elementary School*
4. *Kathrine O'Mara, of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
5. *Linda Hansen, of Haddam-Killingworth High School*

C. Recognition of Staff Members of the Year:

1. *Alicia Sledzik, of Burr Elementary School, presented by Principal Brienne Whidden*
2. *Randi LaPierre, of Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed*
3. *Jim Kane, of Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Donna Hayward*
4. *Allen Sansalone, of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, presented by Principal Dolores Bates*
5. *Cindy Fetteroll, of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School, presented Principal Eric Larson*
6. *Ronnie Ellinson was named District Staff Member of the Year, presented by John Mercier*

D. Recognition of District Teachers of the Year:

1. *Kim Gray, of Burr Elementary School, presented by Principal Brienne Whidden*
2. *Becky Viens, of Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed*
3. *Kelly Brown, of Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Donna Hayward*
4. *Beth Gagliardi, of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, presented by Principal Dolores Bates*
5. ***Wendy Scoppa, of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School, was named Regional School District No. 17 Teacher of the Year, presented by Principal Eric Larson***

Adjournment:

Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary