

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION MEETING
December 21, 2021

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on December 21, 2021 in the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School Cafeteria and Live Streamed through the District's Website. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: *Hamish MacPhail, Lisa Connelly, Corey Roberts, Joel D'Angelo, Jennifer Favalora, Kathleen Zandi, Nelson Rivera, Brenda Buzzi (via Remote), and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *Peter Sonski & Shawna Goldfarb*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Wihbey, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Director of Finance, Ann Adriani (Via Remote), Brenda Buzzi (Via Remote), and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)*

In-Person Visitors: *None.*

The Board meetings are videotaped and posted on the RSD17 Website under Board of Education, BOE Meeting Schedules & Minutes for public viewing.

[December 21, 2021 BoE Video](#)

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

Public Comment:

None.

Superintendent's Report:

A. Legislative Updates Review

Superintendent Wihbey updated the Board. He spoke about the new Laws that went into effect this Fall 2021.

B. CIAC Response

He briefly touched on how both the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth moved into the red zone in terms of Covid-19 transmission which are being closely monitored and mitigation strategies are being reviewed. Superintendent Wihbey addressed his concerns with the CIAC's and DPH new guidelines due to the Covid spike and will extend the current guidelines until Saturday, January 15, 2022 and will evaluate after that time.

Superintendent Wihbey spoke about following up and looking into the Emergency Drills and Protocols of the District. He briefly updated the Board of news and events that occurred recently at Burr, KES, and the High School.

Report from the Chair:

A. Subcommittee Assignments

Facilities Subcommittee:

Sonski, Peter - Chair
Connelly, Lisa
Goldfarb, Shawna
MacPhail, Hamish

Curriculum Subcommittee:

Zandi, Kathy -Chair
Connelly, Lisa
Rivera, Nelson
Roberts, Corey

Personnel Subcommittee:

Sack, Suzanne - Chair
Buzzi, Brenda
D'Angelo, Joel
Favalora, Jennifer
Roberts, Corey

Communications Subcommittee:

Goldfarb, Shawna - Chair
Buzzi, Brenda
Connelly, Lisa
Favalora, Jennifer

Finance Subcommittee:

Sonski, Peter - Chair
Favalora, Jennifer
Goldfarb, Shawna
MacPhail, Hamish

Policy Subcommittee:

Rivera, Nelson - Chair
D'Angelo, Joel
Zandi, Kathy

Strategic Planning Subcommittee:

Aithal, Prem
Favalora, Jennifer
All Board Members

Jennifer Favalora and Prem Aithal (a non-voting member) will work together on this Committee. The Strategic Subcommittee will be expanding its membership to Community Members going forward working on Reshaping the Mission, Value and Standards of the District.

Board Chair, Sack, briefly spoke about how the Liaison Reports weren't assigned as of yet. Board Chair, Sack, or Vice-Chair, Favalora, will be reaching out to the Subcommittee Chairs regarding Objectives for 2022. Each Committee Chair should gather 2022 meeting dates as soon as possible so it can be posted within the Towns before January 23, 2022 so they can be considered "regular" meetings.

Old Business:

A. Policies as recommended for deletion and approval on [Exhibit A](#)

Dr. Nelson Rivera **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to approve the policies recommended for deletion and approval on Exhibit A as presented.

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by way of Voice Votes.

Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Shawna Goldfarb	Absent		
Peter Sonski	Absent			Jennifer Favalora	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Connelly	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Hamish MacPhail	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Brenda Buzzi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Corey Roberts	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
				Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to amend Policy 4218.1 to include "All Employees" instead of just "Employees" who have close contacts with students.

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by way of Voice Votes.

Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Shawna Goldfarb	Absent		
Peter Sonski	Absent			Jennifer Favalora	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Connelly	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Hamish MacPhail	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Brenda Buzzi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Corey Roberts	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
				Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

Board Chair, Sack, wished the Board, Staff and Community Members a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season and is looking forward to a great 2022 year.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Joel D'Angelo, Secretary