

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 5, 2022

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 5, 2022 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Community Room/Lower Media Room. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Members Present: *Hamish MacPhail, Brenda Buzzi, Lisa Connelly, Corey Roberts, Jennifer Favalora, Joel D'Angelo, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Shawna Goldfarb, Peter Sonski and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *Dr. Kathy Zandi*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Wihbey, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Director of Finance, Ann Adriani (Via Remote), Haddam-Killingworth High School Principal, Donna Hayward, Principal of Burr District Elementary School, Brienne Whidden (Via Remote), Student Representatives, Yumi Iami and Ben Williams, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School, Eric Larson (Via Remote), Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed (Via Remote), Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay-Stevens (Via Remote), Student Services Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone (Via Remote), Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dolores Bates (Via Remote), Curriculum Coordinators, Heather Rigatti (Via Remote) and Jennifer Beermuender (Via Remote), and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)*

Visitors: *Approximately 10*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Superintendent's Report:

- A. Cougar Pride - HKHS Wrestling Team:** *Superintendent Wihbey updated the Board. He shared that the HKHS Wrestling Team won their first Class S State Title this Winter Season. Ethan Wright, Benjamin Williams, Nicholas Glynn, Cavin Napoletano, Jacob Martone and Ryan Duncanson were recognized and presented with a certificate from the Board.*

- B. School News:** *Superintendent Wihbey updated the Board. He spoke about the events that happened in March across the District at BES, KES, HKIS, HKMS and HKHS.*

Public Comment: *None.*

Report from Student Representatives:

Yumi Iami and Ben Williams updated the Board. They spoke about the High School New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) holding virtual meetings with Students and Administrators,

College Fair is approaching, Springs Sports began, Induction Ceremonies are scheduled next week, Junior Prom is scheduled for April 29th. They briefly spoke about an Environmental Science Class.

Student Representatives, Yumi Iami and Ben Williams, left the meeting at approximately 6:46 p.m.

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings:

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Peter Sonski updated the Board. The Committee met and discussed the Lighting Project at HKIS/MS, KES Water System and Capital Projects commencing this summer.

B. Finance Subcommittee

No Report.

C. Policy Subcommittee

Dr. Nelson Rivera updated the Board. The Committee met and viewed a Presentation of Proposed Policy on Weighted Grading and Calculating Class Rank, discussed working towards Review Audit of Series 2000 and a Revision to Policy 3541.40 Transportation to and from School Sponsored Student Activities. Dr. Rivera shared Committees Goals for 2022.

D. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

No Report.

E. Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Vice-Chair, Favalora, updated the Board. She spoke about the Committee meeting as a whole for a recent Strategic Planning Workshop with Administrators and shared the Goals for the Committee for 2022.

F. Curriculum Subcommittee

No Report.

G. Communications Subcommittee

Shawna Goldfarb updated the Board. She shared the Committee's Goals for 2022.

Board Liaison Reports:

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Shawna Goldfarb updated the Board. The Committee met and discussed ideas for Grants, discussed Spark and working on Community engagement.

B. LEARN

No Report.

C. Haddam Board of Selectmen

No Report.

D. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

No Report.

New Business:

A. HKHS Graduation Date

Superintendent Wihbey updated the Board. The Haddam-Killingworth High School Graduation date is set for Friday, June 17, 2022.

*Dr. Nelson Rivera **MOVED** and Joel D’Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to set the Haddam-Killingworth High School Graduation Date as Friday, June 17, 2022 as presented.*

Motion unanimously passed 10-0-0 from the following voice votes:

Kathleen Zandi	Absent	Shawna Goldfarb	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Peter Sonski	YES <u>√</u>	Jennifer Favalora	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Lisa Connelly	YES <u>√</u>	Nelson Rivera	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Joel D’Angelo	YES <u>√</u>	Hamish MacPhail	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
Brenda Buzzi	YES <u>√</u>	Corey Roberts	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
		Suzanne Sack	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>

B. Committee Goals

Three Committees discussed their Goals for 2022 under their Committee Reports above.

8. Old Business

A. BOE Meeting Schedule 2022- Approve Location Revisions

Superintendent Wihbey updated the Board. He spoke about changing the location of future Board meetings back to Central Office after the Meeting Schedule had already been approved by the Board.

B. RSD17 School Calendar 2022-2023

Superintendent Wihbey updated the Board. He spoke about changes to the 2022-2023 School Calendar. The Board will make a motion to approve this at the next Business meeting.

9. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2022 – Board of Education Meeting (Super’s Pres)
- B. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2022 – Board of Education Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2022 - Board of Education Special Meeting (Joint)
- D. Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2022 - Board of Education Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
- E. Approval of Minutes from March 4, 2022 - Board of Education Special Meeting
- F. Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2022 - Board of Education Special Meeting
- G. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2022 - Board of Education Special Meeting (Comm Input)
- H. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2022 - Board of Education Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
- I. Personnel Report
- J. Enrollment Report

*Joel D’Angelo **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

Motion unanimously passed 10-0-0 from the following voice votes:

Kathleen Zandi	Absent	Shawna Goldfarb	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u> </u>	A <u> </u>
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Peter Sonski YES NO A
Lisa Connelly YES NO A
Joel D'Angelo YES NO A
Brenda Buzzi YES NO A

Jennifer Favalora YES NO A
Nelson Rivera YES NO A
Hamish MacPhail YES NO A
Corey Roberts YES NO A
Suzanne Sack YES NO A

Board Discussion/News/Suggestions: *None.*

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

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