

Regular Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
7:00 PM
Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main St.
2nd Floor, Community Mtg. Room

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Norm Ferron, Ms. Jennifer Hegedus, Ms. Kelly Martin, Mr. Jason Muscara, Mr. Kyle Napierata, Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams, and Mr. Christopher Viens.

Present Via Zoom: Ms. Susan Lannon

Others

Present: Superintendent Robert Angeli, Assistant Superintendent Susan Nash-Ditzel, and Ms. Jennifer Thompson, Recording Secretary.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Ferron called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Please see above.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - Heidi Driscoll, Killingly resident, spoke in favor of the SBHC, and the Killingly political scene.
 - Abigail Driscoll, Killingly resident, spoke in favor of the SBHC. Please think of the students.
 - Julianna Morrissette, Killingly student, read on behalf of Lisa Giroux. She is in support of the SBHC.
 - Lisa Higgins, Killingly resident and teacher, spoke in favor of the SBHC. As a teacher, we are asking for help as we do not have enough staff.
 - Kristine Cichetti, Killingly resident, spoke in favor of the SBHC. Reasked her questions that were not answered from April 28th meeting.
 - Nicola Able, Killingly teacher, spoke in favor of the SBHC.
 - Patrice Rodgers, Killingly HS teacher, spoke in favor of the SBHC.

Motion made by Mr. Viens and seconded by Ms. Lannon to extend public comment for the SBHC.

Roll Call:

Ms. Hegedus - No

Ms. Martin - No

Mr. Muscara - No

Mr. Napierata - No

Ms. Rivera-Abrams - No

Mr. Viens - Yes

Ms. Lannon - Yes

Mr. Ferron - No

Motion Fails: 2-6

- Steve Drowne, Killingly resident, questioned why most Board members voted against a budget they previously approved? He asked how does the Board intend to recruit the best with a \$1 increase over last year? Because of his HR background, he offered his services for free to help with high quality recruitment.
- Jasmine Berti, Killingly resident, spoke about bullying, BLM materials, and parental rights.

Mr. Napierata, Mr. Viens, Ms. Rivera-Abrams, and Mr. Ferron responded to comments made during public comment. Superintendent Angeli responded they are researching information on the alternatives, and is still awaiting a response from the Board attorney regarding a liability question.

Motion made by Mr. Viens, and seconded by Ms. Lannon to add discussion and possible action on the SBHC.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Muscara - No

Ms. Martin - No

Ms. Rivera-Abrams - No

Ms. Lannon - Yes

Mr. Viens - Yes

Mr. Napierata - No

Ms. Hegedus - No

Mr. Ferron - No

Motion Fails: 2-6

4. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK AND SCHOOL NURSES DAY

Mr. Ferron recognized National Teacher Appreciation Week and School Nurses Day by reading a brief word of thanks to both groups. Ms. Martin thanked all the teachers in district and gave a special shout out to Mr. Ethier and Mr. Rollinson at Killingly High School. Mr. Napierata gave a shout to Dr. Po and the robotics team. Mr. Muscara thanked Ms. Hegedus (she is a teacher, in another district.)

5. **REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBER**

Goodyear – Kindergarten transition meetings are underway. May 26th students will travel to KCS to spend some time in a Kindergarten classroom.

KCS – A big thank you to KHS Ag Department for the flowers outside the school to make it beautiful for our staff, students, and visitors. Students have attended numerous field trips, and staff and students are grateful for this opportunity.

KHS – Summer school sign up is on going, and will run from July 5th – August 4th. The TSA team respresented Killingly well in a recent competition. In the music department, Mamma Mia was a huge success, Jazz Night is May 12th (free), and the Collage Concert is on May 19th at KHS (tickets are \$5). The annual FFA banquet is May 25th. Congrats to the robotics team for being world champions.

6. **TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

Ms. George shared the May proclomations, resolutions, and commission appointments. Both Town and Board of Education budgets passed. It was asked about voter turnout, and how do we connect it to our high school students? The Superintendent responded to the questions, and a discussion was had around voter turnout.

7. **BOARD CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Fiscal – no update

Facilities – scheduling soon

Policy – scheduling soon

Curriculum – scheduling soon

Personnel – no update

8. **SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE**

A. 2022-23 Budget Update – The education budget passed. The increase over last year’s budget was a \$1. The recommendation is currently to leave budget as is and use the non-lapsing as the safety net. Once a final decision is made, it will come to Board for approval. The Board had questions regarding the health care line item, and vacant positions. It was asked about increasing the non-lapsing account to take inflation into account.

B. Hiring Practices – The Board receives information via Friday updates and tonight via hand outs regarding our recruitment efforts. Superintendent drew attention to the new effort of virtual career fair with a second one being planned. Much thanks was expressed for the hard work of the HR department. The question was asked about the reach of the advertising, and it needing to be wider than it is currently.

9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF REVISED APRIL 13, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Motion made by Mr. Muscara and seconded by Ms. Hegedus to approve the revised April 13, 2022 minutes.

Motion carries 8-0

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. May 2, 2022, Student Enrollment
- B. Employee of the Month Nominee
- C. April 27, 2022, BoE Meeting Minutes
- D. April 28, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes
- E. Seven (7) Killingly Child Care Program Summer Field Trips Requests
- F. KHS Field Trip Request to Providence, R.I

Ms. Rivera-Abrams asked for items C and E to be pulled.

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Mr. Viens to approve items A, B, D, and F on the consent agenda.

Motion carries: 8-0

Ms. Rivera-Abrams withdrew the requested edit for item 10.C (April 27th minutes).
Ms. Rivera-Abrams meant to pull item D and not E. Item 10.D was already approved.

Motion made Mr. Napierata and seconded by Ms. Hegedus to approve items C and E on the consent agenda.

Motion carries: 8-0

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Motion made by Mr. Muscara and seconded by Mr. Viens to enter into executive session to discuss the Superintendent evaluation and invite Superintendent to join them.

The Killingly Board of Education entered executive session at 9:04 p.m.

The Killingly Board of Education came out of executive session at 10:58 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Muscara and seconded by Ms. Hegedus to adjourn.

Motion carries: 8-0

The Killingly Board of Education adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Thompson

Recording Secretary