

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - EDUCATION SESSION
May 17, 2022

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 17, 2022 in the Board Room of Central Office. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: *Dr. Nelson Rivera, Brenda Buzzi, Peter Sonski, Jennifer Favalora, Hamish MacPhail, Lisa Connelly, Corey Roberts, Kathleen Zandi, and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *Shawna Goldfarb & Joel D'Angelo*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Wihbey, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Strategic Planning Co-Chair, Prem Aithal, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)*

Visitors: *None.*

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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.*

*Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Dr. Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to move up on the Agenda 4A, Strategic Subcommittee Presentation on Goals Vision and Values up to 3A; moving Item 4B, Input on Superintendent's Year-End Review* to the end of the agenda as 6B; moving 6A, Exhibit A - Consent Memo to be placed under New Business as Item 5D and Item 6A will be replaced with New Policy 6145—Policy Addressing Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum, 6147—Weighted Grading and Calculation of Grade Point Average and Policy Revisions or Technical Edits for Policy 5113—Student Attendance, Truancy, and Chronic Absenteeism 5125—Confidentiality and Access to Record 5131—Student Discipline 5131.6—Drug and Alcohol Use by Student 5131.7—Chemical Health Policy for Student Athlete 5141.7—Policy Concerning Wellness all of which will have technical adjustments.*

Board Chair, Sack, stated that the above policies that are being added to the Consent Agenda as a 1st Read will be provided to the Board by weeks-end.

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 By Way of Show of Hands.

New Business:

A. Strategic Subcommittee Presentation on Goals Vision and Values

Prem Aithal updated the Board. He presented the Vision, Core Values and Goals of the Board.

*He went over the Strategic Planning Process: Vision of the Graduate, Phase 1-Engage, Phase 2, Focus & Phase 3: Implement, Vision, Core Values, Strategic Priorities & Objectives. Vice-Chair, Favalora, **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Board's Strategic Plan as presented to complete Phase 2 of the Strategic Planning Process.*

Motion unanimously passed 9-0-0 from the following voice votes:

Dr. Kathleen Zandi YES NO A Shawna Goldfarb Absent Peter Sonski YES
NO A Jennifer Favalora YES NO A Lisa Connelly YES NO A Dr.
Nelson Rivera YES NO A Joel D'Angelo Absent Hamish MacPhail YES
NO A Brenda Buzzi YES NO A Corey Roberts YES NO A
Suzanne Sack YES NO A

*Dr. Katheleen Zandi **MOVED** and Lisa Connelly **SECONDED** a motion to add onto the Agenda Killingworth Board of Selectmen Report to be placed under Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings.*

Motion unanimously passed 9-0-0 By Way of Show of Hands.

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Peter Sonski updated the Board. He spoke about how the Committee met and reviewed the Capital Projects List, and discussed the Facilities Assessment. The Committee will begin moving around the District for their meetings as they did prior to Covid starting next month.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Peter Sonski updated the Board. He spoke about how the Committee met and reviewed Year-End Projected numbers, Cost Grants, went over the Audit Report and discussed the modified Objectives.

C. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Board Chair, Sack, updated the Board. She spoke about how the Committee met and discussed the Superintendent's Review, Unaffiliated Letters, and 4 new Staffing Positions.

D. Policy Subcommittee

Dr. Rivera updated the Board. He spoke about how the Committee met and reviewed 8 policies and discussed the Status Report of Policy Review by Series.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

Dr. Kathy Zandi updated the Board. She spoke about how the BOS gave excellent reviews on this year's Budget process, they are extremely pleased with the Community outreach and fully funding the Capital Fund.

Board Member, Brenda Buzzi, updated the Board. She spoke about how the Haddam Board of

Selectmen are grateful for the Board's monthly reports.

Old Business:

A. Policy 2150 - Policy Regarding Holds On the Destruction of Electronic Information and Paper Records, Policy 3541.40 Transportation to and From School Sponsored Student Activities, Policy 2160 Uniform Treatment of Recruiters (2nd Read) & D. Exhibit A - Consent Memo Dated May 13, 2022

Dr. Nelson Rivera updated the Board. He spoke about Policy 2150, Policy 3541.40 and Policy 2160 as well as policy deletions that are outdated or not aligned with CT Statutes as noted in Exhibit A.

*Dr. Kathleen Zandi **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the policies as presented as well as the policy deletions noted in Exhibit A.*

Motion unanimously passed 9-0-0 from the following voice votes:

Dr. Kathleen Zandi YES NO A Shawna Goldfarb Absent Peter Sonski YES
NO A Jennifer Favalora YES NO A Lisa Connelly YES NO A Dr.
Nelson Rivera YES NO A Joel D'Angelo Absent Hamish MacPhail YES
NO A Brenda Buzzi YES NO A Corey Roberts YES NO A
Suzanne Sack YES NO A

B. 2022-23 School Calendar:

*Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Dr. Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to adopt the 2022-2023 School Calendar as presented.*

Motion unanimously passed 9-0-0 from the following voice votes:

Dr. Kathleen Zandi YES NO A Shawna Goldfarb Absent Peter Sonski YES
NO A Jennifer Favalora YES NO A Lisa Connelly YES NO A Dr.
Nelson Rivera YES NO A Joel D'Angelo Absent Hamish MacPhail YES
NO A Brenda Buzzi YES NO A Corey Roberts YES NO A
Suzanne Sack YES NO A

2023-24 School Calendar with Professional Development (2nd Read): *This item was **TABLED** until the Fall and/or when Superintendent Wihbey deems appropriate to be discussed at a future meeting.*

C. Facilities Subcommittee - Capital Report:

Peter Sonski and John Mercier updated the Board. They spoke on the Facilities Report and what the Committee recommends to the Board. John Mercier spoke about the KES water, Burr carpeting replacement, and parking.

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion to approve \$571,188.48 to work on the items as presented on Priority One on the Capital Report coming out of the Capital*

Fund Account with the stipulation that the projects are completed during the Summer months of 2022.

Motion unanimously passed 9-0-0 from the following voice votes:

Dr. Kathleen Zandi YES NO A Shawna Goldfarb Absent Peter Sonski YES
NO A Jennifer Favalora YES NO A Lisa Connelly YES NO A Dr.
Nelson Rivera YES NO A Joel D'Angelo Absent Hamish MacPhail YES
NO A Brenda Buzzi YES NO A Corey Roberts YES NO A
Suzanne Sack YES NO A

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance in both the Town of Haddam and Killingworth is scheduled on June 8, 2022. The Tecton Report will be presented at that time.

Consent Agenda:

New Policy 6145—Policy Addressing Enrollment in an Advanced Course or Program and Challenging Curriculum, 6147—Weighted Grading and Calculation of Grade Point Average and Policy Revisions or Technical Edits for Policy 5113—Student Attendance, Truancy, and Chronic Absenteeism 5125—Confidentiality and Access to Record 5131—Student Discipline 5131.6—Drug and Alcohol Use by Student 5131.7—Chemical Health Policy for Student Athlete 5141.7—Policy Concerning Wellness all of which will have technical adjustments.

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Dr. Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

Motion unanimously passed 9-0-0 from the following voice votes:

Dr. Kathleen Zandi YES NO A Shawna Goldfarb Absent Peter Sonski YES
NO A Jennifer Favalora YES NO A Lisa Connelly YES NO A Dr.
Nelson Rivera YES NO A Joel D'Angelo Absent Hamish MacPhail YES
NO A Brenda Buzzi YES NO A Corey Roberts YES NO A
Suzanne Sack YES NO A

New Business:

B. Input on Superintendent's Year-End Review*

Board Chair, Sack, updated the Board. She briefly spoke on the Superintendent's Year-End Review.

*Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Corey Roberts **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter.*

Motion unanimously passed 9-0-0 By Way of Show of Hands.

Executive Session started at approximately 9:39 p.m.

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Year-End Review.

Executive Session ended at approximately 10:40 p.m.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

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