

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 2, 2022

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 2, 2022 in the Board Room of Central Office. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Members Present: Peter Sonski, Jennifer Favalora, Hamish MacPhail (Via Remote) Lisa Connelly, Corey Roberts, Shawna Goldfarb, Kathleen Zandi, Joel D'Angelo, and Suzanne Sack

Members Absent: Dr. Nelson Rivera & Brenda Buzzi

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Wihbey, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Director of Food Services, Sharon Shettleworth, President of Education Association, Robin Duffield, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)

Visitors: 2

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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.

*Dr. Kathleen Zandi **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to move up on the Agenda, Item7B, Healthy Food Certification - Sharon Shettleworth, Director of Food Services located under New Business to be placed as Item 4A.*

Motion passed By Way of Show of Hands. Board Member, Hamish MacPhail, Sustained.

Superintendent's Report:

A. School News

Superintendent Wihbey spoke on the Highlights from April at BES, KES, HKIS, HKMS, and the High School Levels. The Board recognized and congratulated, Principal Donna Hayward, who won the Connecticut Association of Schools Principal of the Year.

Report from Student Representatives: No Report.

Public Comment: None.

New Business:

B. Healthy Food Certification - Sharon Shettleworth, Director of Food Services

*Dr. Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Shawna Goldfarb **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Healthy Food Certification Option for the 2022-2023 school year as presented by Sharon Shettleworth, Director of Food Services.*

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

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

*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Peter Sonski **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Food Sales as presented. The Board of Education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.*

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

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

*Board Vice Chair, Favalora, **MOVED** and Dr. Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Beverage Exemptions as presented. The Board of Education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The "school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the beverage sales.*

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

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

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings:

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Peter Sonski updated the Board. Peter shared the Committee's Objectives for 2022. The Committee meets tomorrow, May 3rd to review the Capital Report.

B. Finance Subcommittee

Peter Sonski updated the Board. The Committee met and discussed the Audit Results, Revenue and Expenses and Projection for Year-End.

C. Policy Subcommittee

No Report.

D. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Board Chair, Sack, updated the Board. She advised that Board Member, Corey Roberts, will be co-chairing on the Subcommittee. She shared the Committee's Objectives for 2022.

E. Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Vice-Chair, Favalora, updated the Board. The Committee met and discussed next steps to giving a presentation to the Board, Community, Faculty and Administration.

F. Curriculum Subcommittee

No Report.

G. Communications Subcommittee

Shawna Goldfarb updated the Board. The Committee met and is working on continuing Communication regarding the Budget and thanked Vice Chair, Favalora, for her hard work.

Board Liaison Reports:

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Shawna Goldfarb updated the Board. She spoke on the Coalition continuing great work, holding Annual Compliance checks in both towns, Drug Take Back Day went well, HKYFS has a new JRB Coordinator, and discussions took place about taking over the craft fair next year at the Middle School.

B. LEARN

Vice Chair, Favalora, updated the Board. She spoke about how Old Saybrook is reviewing their rating system at High School, and briefly spoke about the Pilot Program,

C. Haddam Board of Selectmen

No Report.

D. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

No Report.

New Business

A. 2022-23 School Calendar & 2023-24 School

Calendar with Professional Development (1st Read)

Superintendent Wihbey updated the Board. He spoke about the draft Calendar that was provided to the Board as a first read which included possible dates for Professional Development. The Board had further discussion in length regarding same.

Old Business: *None.*

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from March 29, 2022 Board of Education – Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
- B. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2022 Board of Education Meeting
- C. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2022 Board of Education Special Meeting (AH) D. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2022 Board of Education Special Meeting (Directly After AH) E. Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2022 Board of Education - Special Meeting F. Approval of Minutes from the April 27, 2022 Board of Education - Special Meeting G. Approval of two donations in the amount of \$200 and \$1,500 from Carol M. Cieslukowski and Kathy Godrick to be deposited into the Student Activity Account - Bill C Scholarship Fund to be used for camperships for students in need at the end of school year. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of KES.
- H. Approval of a donation of a Wood Bench from Erick Hopkins, parent of two KES Students, to be used on the lower playground at KES. Submitted by Dennis Reed, Principal of KES I. Personnel Report
- J. Enrollment Report
- K. Consent Memo dated April 28, 2022
- L. 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 (1st Read)

*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Shawna Goldfarb **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with great appreciation.*

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

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

Board Discussion/News/Suggestions: *Board Chair, Sack, encouraged the Community to get out and vote at the polls which open tomorrow, May 3, 2022. She also reminded the Community that we are voting on the Gross Budget.*

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

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

