

Special Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, August 10, 2022
7:00 PM
Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main St.
2nd Floor, Community Mtg. Room

MINUTES

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

Others Present: Superintendent Robert Angeli, Assistant Superintendent Susan Nash-Ditzel, Ms. Mary Calorio, Town Manager, and Ms. Jennifer Thompson, Recording Secretary.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Ferron called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:** Please see above.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jasmine Berti, Killingly parent and resident, spoke regarding school safety in response to the mental health crisis we are facing.

Margaret Morrissette, Killingly resident, spoke regarding Rachel's Promise. She had questions regarding money to fund the program. She also spoke regarding school safety and adding an additional School Resource Officer.

Misty Murdock, Killingly parent and resident, spoke regarding Rachel's Promise and school safety.

Kris Cicchetti, Killingly parent and resident, spoke regarding Rachel's Promise and school safety measures.

4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RACHEL'S CHALLENGE**

Superintendent Angeli drew the Boards' attention to their packet that contained informational material about Rachel's Challenge. Ms. Martin also provided the Board with additional information tonight. This information was gathered from her conversation with the executive director of Rachel's Challenge. Ms. Martin informed the Board about the program based on grade level and the additional initiatives that came from the assemblies. Ms. Martin explained the cost of the program including the cost for digital resources. Some Board members expressed their rationale for why they would or would not support this initiative. Questions and concerns were addressed by the Superintendent and/or Ms. Martin.

Motion made by Mr. Muscara and seconded by Ms. Martin to implement the entire program of Rachel's Challenge in the Killingly Public Schools.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Hegedus – Yes

Mr. Muscara – Yes

Ms. Rivera-Abrams – No

Ms. Dombkowski – Yes

Ms. Martin – Yes

Ms. Lannon – Yes

Mr. Viens – Yes

Mr. Napierata – Yes

Mr. Ferron - Yes

Motion carries: 8-1

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. June 22, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Rivera-Abrams would like the minutes to reflect dialogue regarding the refinishing of the high school gymnasium floor not being discussed as an option by the facilities subcommittee.

Motion made by Mr. Viens and seconded by Mr. Napierata to approve the June 22, 2022 minutes with proposed edits.

Motion carries: 9-0

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES

Motion made by Mr. Muscara and seconded by Mr. Napierata to enter into executive session and invite the Superintendent, Assisant Superintendent, and the Town Manager to join them.

Motion Carries: 9-0

The Board of Education went into executive session at 8:07 p.m.

The Board of Education came out of executive session at 9:28 p.m.

7. POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Mr. Muscara to approve the establishment of 5 armed security positions for all 5 schools.

Motion carries: 9-0

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Muscara and seconded by Mr. Napierata to adjourn.

Motion carries: 9-0

The Killingly Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Thompson

Recording Secretary

BOE Approved 8-17-22