

Special Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, August 17, 2022
7:00 PM
Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main St.
2nd Floor, Community Mtg. Room

MINUTES

Present: Laura Dombkowski, Norm Ferron, Jennifer Hegedus, Susan Lannon, Kelly Martin, Jason Muscara, Kyle Napierata, Lydia Rivera-Abrams.
Absent with Notification: Chris Viens.

Others Superintendent Robert Angeli, (via Zoom).

Present: Sue Nash, Assistant Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL- See above.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jasmine Berti spoke on the Board's right to hire any attorney they want and their right to have their attorney present at any meetings with the State. She also spoke about Christine Randall Rosati posting all the States documents and requests immediately on social media and some of the rude comments she has made on social media.

Jenelle Provencher spoke about grants. She suggested that the public could be better educated on the grant process and what they are used for, grant-funded positions within the district, and offered to help with anything we need to achieve that goal. She supports community involvement.

4. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 8-10-22 SPECIAL BOE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: by Ms. Hegedus, seconded by Ms. Martin to approve the August 10, 2022 Special Board meeting minutes.

Unanimous

Motion passes

MOTION: by Mr. Ferron, seconded by Mr. Napierata to invite the superintendent into executive session.

No-7

Yes-1, Kyle Napierata

Motion fails

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC LEGAL REPRESENTATION BY AREA. SHIPMAN & GOODWIN AND DEBORAH STEVENSON

MOTION: by Mr. Muscara, seconded by Mr. Napierata to go into Executive Session to discuss attorney roles.

Yes-7

No-1, Sue Lannon

Motion passes

The Board went into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss attorney roles.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:23 p.m.

6. POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPECIFIC DIVISION OF REPRESENTATION BY AREA

MOTION: by Ms. Hegedus, seconded by Mr. Napierata to use Shipman & Goodwin for negotiations only and Deborah Stevenson for all other legal matters.

Yes-6

No- 2, Ms. Rivera-Abrams and Sue Lannon

Motion Passes

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A NEW BOARD DIRECTIVE ON GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Sue Lannon asked Sue Nash to explain the current grant process. Nash explains that some applications require Board vote and some don't.

Lydia Rivera-Abrams shared that the Board should get copies of grants and also wants sufficient time to review.

Kyle Napierata believes that ESSER is the grant that we are currently being questioned on from the State.

Superintendent Angeli agrees that the grant process can be frustrating. However, it would be difficult for administration to bring all grants to Board because of time constraints.

Norm Ferron communicated that any obligations of the Board should be reviewed prior to sending out.

Jason Muscara shared that large grants should be approved by the Board. We were never informed of the mental health clinic requests or funds received from ESSER or ARP grants. The community should be aware of what the district is doing for their children.

Jen Hegedus communicated that she is interested in reviewing larger district grants, not every teacher, library grant, etc.

Kelly Martin shared that we need to keep in mind that the Board changes members every couple of years, and there needs to be a better process for informing new Board members of grants.

Superintendent Angeli stated that the district was not granted any monies at all for an SBHC in any grant. On May 10th he made a revision to the grant to spend funds elsewhere.

Jason Muscara said that this is the first time we are hearing this clarification. There is a disconnect between the Board and administration.

Mr. Angeli informed Mr. Muscara and the Board that he communicated with Board leadership on this matter. Mr. Ferron stated that he did have a recent conversation with the Superintendent on this matter.

MOTION: by Ms. Hegedus, seconded by Ms. Martin that the Board be provided detailed application information about usages for each district grant to the Board for approval prior to the application being submitted in a timely manner.

Yes-7

Abstain- 1, Susan Lannon

Motion Carries

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Jason Muscara, seconded by Sue Lannon to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.
Unanimous

Motion Carries

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