

Summary of November 2022 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Board Member Update

The Board welcomes back Prem Aithal of Haddam, who was unanimously elected to rejoin the Board by the Town of Haddam to fill the vacancy of Brenda Buzzi.

Cougar Pride

KES Principal Dennis Reed introduced music teacher Irina Rubalski and her first-grade students who enthusiastically performed musical selections from their program that was held at KES on November 18th.

Student Representatives

Student Representative Madison Moriarty reported to the Board that the high school will be hosting the Names Can Really Hurt program which focuses on bullying and bias. On November 19th at 11 am, HKHS held their Cougar Bowl hosted by the Spirit Club. For the second year in a row, the Girls' Cross-Country team has won the Class S State Championships. Madison also announced that our own HKHS Principal Donna Hayward was selected as the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) State and National Principal of the Year.

Student Services

Superintendent Wihbey reported on the hard work that Student Services has been doing to implement the CT-SEDS software.

Food Services

In October, the District took part in CT Grown for CT week. All schools served locally grown foods such as apples and cucumbers throughout the week.

Human Resources

The Professional Learning Subcommittee (PDEC) met in early November, and teachers and administrators discussed ways to gather teacher input on the district's professional learning needs. A smaller subset of this committee will work together to create a survey and bring this back to the full group in December for further review.

Fiscal

The Fiscal Department completed the rollout of the new payroll system, Frontline Central, and feedback from staff so far has been positive.

Schools

Superintendent Wihbey shared in the praise for Mrs. Hayward and the Girls Cross-Country team and added that the Field Hockey team qualified for the State Tournament for the first time in five years. Superintendent Wihbey also praised all the schools for their various Veterans Day programs honoring local veterans.

Continuous Improvement Plans 2022-2023

Superintendent Wihbey presented the District Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) to the Board and all principals presented the CIP for each of their respective schools.

Capital Planning

There will be a joint meeting with the Board of Education and the Boards of Finance from both Haddam and Killingworth on January 4th at 5:30pm at HKIMS. All members of the Boards are encouraged to participate, and members of the community are welcome to observe to get up to speed on our capital planning efforts.

ON OUR WEBSITE:

The 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, District Core Values and District Vision can be found on the RSD17.org District Website under "District"