

Regular Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
7:00 PM
Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main St.
2nd Floor, Town Hall Community Meeting Room

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ferron called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
Ms. Dombkowski lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. ROLL CALL

On roll call, Board members Laura Dombkowski, Norm Ferron, Jennifer Hegedus, Kelly Martin, and Kyle Napierata were present. Susan Lannon and Lydia Rivera-Abrams and attended virtually. Jason Muscara and Christopher Viens were absent with notification.
Also present were Asst. Superintendent Dr. Nash-Ditzel, Manager of Business Affairs Christine Clark, and Student Board Members Connor Thompson and Melody Kettle.

3. REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Student Board members Thompson and Kettle gave the Board an update on school activities. Chairman Ferron excused the Student Board Members after their reports.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

- A. February 2023 Employee of the Month, Justine Laporte
Ms. Martin read the proclamation for the February 2023 Employee of the Month, Justine Laporte.
- B. Killingly FFA officers in recognition of FFA Week – postponed due to weather

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kris Cicchetti expressed concern with the amount being spent on legal fees for the issue surrounding mental health services at the schools. She would like to know how much has been spent so far and how much is budgeted for the future. She would like more transparency going forward.
Ailla Wasstrom-Evans is also concerned about the amount being spent on legal fees and feels that the money would be better spent on actual mental health services.

6. BOARD CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Curriculum Committee – no update
- B. Facilities Committee – Mr. Napierata said there is a meeting scheduled for 2/23.
- C. Fiscal Committee – Mr. Ferron said there will be another preliminary budget meeting next week.
- D. Personnel Committee – Mr. Ferron said there is an upcoming meeting.
- E. Policy Committee – Ms. Martin gave an update on the policies on discipline, the American flag in all of the classrooms, and Zoom meetings for Executive Sessions.
- F. Ad Hoc Committee – Ms. Dombkowski said there is a meeting scheduled for 2/23.

7. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

Ms. Clark reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for the month of January 2023.

8. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY CHECK AUTHORIZATION

Mr. Napierata made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hegedus, to approve the monthly check authorization as presented. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

9. **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE** - Dr. Nash-Ditzel gave an update on the following:

- A. Free lunch for all students
- B. State budget outlook
- C. Samsung "Solve for Tomorrow" contest
- D. Goodyear STEAM video

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. February 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. KHS Band field trip request to East Providence.

Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Napierata, to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Hegedus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dombkowski, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The votes of each member shall be made available within forty-eight hours and the minutes shall be made available within seven days. Copies are available at the Central Office, 79 Westfield Ave.

Minutes and a video recording of this meeting can be found at
<https://www.killinglyschools.org/about-us/board-of-education>

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Buzalski

Recording Secretary