

**Regular Meeting**  
**KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Wednesday, March 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 7:05 p.m.  
Ms. Lannon lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**2. ROLL CALL**

On roll call, Board members Laura Dombkowski, Norm Ferron, Jennifer Hegedus, Susan Lannon, Kelly Martin, and Lydia Rivera-Abrams were present. Kyle Napierata and Christopher Viens were absent with notification. Jason Muscara was absent.

Also present were Superintendent Angeli, Asst. Superintendent Dr. Nash- Ditzel, Town Council Liaison Patti George, IT Director Christian Iamartino, Student Board Members Connor Thompson and Melody Kettle, and Secretary Buzalski.

**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 at 7:12 p.m.

**4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

A. Student Representatives of Killingly FFA Chapter -Celebration of FFA Week.  
Student Representatives gave the Board an update on their activities.

B. March 2023 Employee of the Month-Karissa Smith

Ms. Martin read the March 2023 Employee of the Month recognizing Karissa Smith, an Instructional Assistant at KIS. Ms. Smith received a plaque and thanked the Board.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ernest Dodge, 229 Liberty Highway, Putnam, a Latin teacher, spoke on the importance of keeping the Latin program at the High School.

Christian Sarantopoulos, a Putnam resident with a business address at 143 School St, Killingly, spoke in support of keeping both the Latin program and the athletic programs.

Michael Weaver, 175 Thompson Pike, KHS Class of '87, spoke in support of keeping the Latin program.

Michael Rahab, 100 Shepard Hill Rd, English teacher, spoke in support of keeping the Latin program.

Ms. Martin thanked the speakers and expressed her support, as did Mr. Ferron, Ms. Lannon, and Ms. Hegedus.

**Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to amend the agenda, adding Town Council Liaison Report.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

**TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

Ms. George gave a report on the Town Council meeting held on 03/21/23.

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION COURSES**

Ms. Hegedus introduced the new Agricultural Education Courses, and Heather Lopez, Food Science teacher explained the courses.

- A. Food Science & Biotechnology
- B. Principles of Food Science
- C. Sustainable Food Production

**Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hegedus, to approve the new Agricultural Education Courses as presented.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

**7. BOARD CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- A. Curriculum Committee – Ms. Hegedus said that the Committee also evaluated a math course.
- B. Facilities Committee – a meeting is scheduled for 4/3/23 at 5:00 p.m.
- C. Fiscal Committee – the Board of Ed will present the Budget to the Town Council on 4/1/23.
- D. Personnel Committee – Mr. Ferron said that the Committee successfully completed negotiations with the uncertified Supervisors Unionl
- E. Policy Committee – no update.
- F. Ad Hoc Committee – Ms. Dombkowski said the Committee had presentations from CHR and Silver Linings. CHR will present to the Board at their next meeting.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

- A. Update on Killingly Memorial School Renovation
  - 1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding KMS FFE (furniture, fixtures and equipment)Representatives from Antinozzi Associates gave a presentation on the KMS FFE.

**Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dombkowski, to approve the FFE, Technology, and cost estimates as presented.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

- B. Update on KCC (Killingly Community Center) Project  
Mr. Angeli gave a quick update on the KCC Project.
- C. Presentation on Cognitive Engagement  
Dr. Nash and the team of Principals gave a presentation on Cognitive Engagement in Killingly Schools.
- D. School Redesign in Action Conference  
Dr. Nash will be taking a team to present at the School Redesign in Action Conference next week.

Mr. Angeli reported that two Armed Security Officers have been hired and have started the onboarding procedures.

**9. FEBRUARY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Angeli gave an overview of the February 2023 Financial Report.

**10. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MARCH 2023 MONTHLY CHECK AUTHORIZATION**

**Ms. Hegedus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to approve the March 2023 Monthly Check Authorization as presented.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

**11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PUPIL SERVICES BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,100**

Mr. Angeli explained the need for the transfer.

**Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hegedus, approve the transfer of \$13,100 in Pupil Services.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

**12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING A VOLUNTARY RESOLUTION AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS**

Mr. Angeli and Mr. Iamartino explained the agreement.

**Ms. Hegedus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lannon, to approve the voluntary resolution agreement with the Office of Civil Rights.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. March 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

B. KHS Robotics Trip Request for National Competition in Iowa

Ms. Lannon pulled item 13A.

**Ms. Rivera-Abrams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hegedus, to accept consent agenda item 13B as presented.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

On agenda item 13A, Ms. Rivera-Abrams said that Town Council Representative Murphy should not be listed under Roll Call.

**Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, to accept consent agenda item 13A as corrected.**

**Voice vote: Majority. Ms. Lannon and Ms. Hegedus abstained. Motion passed.**

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A DISCIPLINARY MATTER**

**Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lannon, to move to Executive Session with Superintendent Angeli to discuss a disciplinary matter.**

**Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

Moved to Executive Session at 10:02 p.m. and returned at 10:56 p.m.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

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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>

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Respectfully Submitted,  
*Elizabeth Buzalski*  
Recording Secretary