

Regular Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
7:00 PM
KILLINGLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CENTRAL OFFICE, 79 WESTFIELD AVE.
Conference Room A

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ferron called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and 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, Jason Muscara, Kyle Napierata, and Lydia Rivera-Abrams were present. Christopher Viens has resigned from the Board.

Also present were Superintendent Angeli, Asst. Superintendent Dr. Nash- Ditzel, Manager of Business Affairs Christine Clark, Student Board Members Connor Thompson and Julie Carver, Town Council Liaison George, IT Director Christian Iamartino, and Secretary Buzalski.

3. REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Student Board members Thompson and Carver gave the Board an update on school activities.

Chairman Ferron excused the Student Board Members at 7:07 p.m. Ms. Carver chose to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

A. 2023 Student Recipients of the CAPSS Certificate of Excellence

Superintendent Angeli recognized the 2023 Student Recipients of the CAPSS Certificate of Excellence. Recipients were Alessandra Benjamin, Grade 4, Jayden Bernard, Grade 4, Quin Crowley, Grade 8, Lanorah Merrill-Rickaby, Grade 8, Avi Miller, Grade 12, and Joshua Torre, Grade 12.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – No comments.

6. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Council Liaison George gave an update on the Town Council activities.

7. PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES (CHR)

Representatives from CHR gave a presentation on what services could be provided to the students.

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Agreement with CHR

Mr. Muscara made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dombkowski, directing the Administration to pursue a Memorandum of Agreement with CHR. Roll Call Vote; Jennifer Hegedus – Yes, Susan Lannon – Yes, Kelly Martin – Yes, Jason Muscara - Yes, Kyle Napierata - Yes, Lydia Rivera-Abrams - Yes, Laura Dombkowski - Yes, Norm Ferron – Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

8. BOARD CHAIR AND COMMITTEE & LIAISON UPDATES

A. Curriculum Committee – no update.

B. Facilities Committee

Mr. Napierata gave an update.

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Using Non-lapsing Account Funds for Replacement of KHS Greenhouse Roof

Ms. Hegedus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Napierata, to use Non-lapsing Account Funds for Replacement of KHS Greenhouse Roof in the amount not to exceed \$60,000. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

2. Discussion and Possible action on Using Non-lapsing Account Funds for Repaving a section of GECC driveway and parking lot.

Ms. Hegedus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Napierata, to use Non-lapsing Account Funds for Repaving a section of GECC driveway and parking lot in the amount not to exceed \$95,000. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

- C. Fiscal Committee – Superintendent Angeli presented the proposed budget to the Town Council on 4/1/23 with a 3.94% increase. A Public Hearing will be held on 4/13/23 followed by the Annual Town Meeting on 5/1/23, and a Town-wide machine vote on 5/9/23.

- D. Personnel Committee – there will be an Executive Session to review the changes to the Supervisors contract before it is presented to the Board.

- E. Policy Committee – Ms. Martin is in the process of setting a date for a meeting.

- F. AD HOC Committee

Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, to dissolve the AD HOC Committee. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

9. **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

- A. Presentation on the Summer Enrichment/Expansion Grant

Mr. Angeli and Dr. Nash presented the Summer Enrichment/Expansion Grant.

- B. Update on Northeast Connecticut Council of Government (NECCOG) and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)

Mr. Angeli gave an update on the NECCOG and the CEDs.

- C. Alliance District Midyear Meeting – Mr. Angeli gave an update.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action on Mental Health Specialist Grant

Dr. Nash explained the grant.

Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hegedus, to approve the grant as presented with the additional language to reflect the number of students who took the survey. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Angeli added three items to his update. First, he gave an update on a grant the Town of Killingly is seeking which will partner with the schools and the Fire Departments that will support fire prevention education. Second, he gave an update on the KMS renovation project. Finally, he gave an update on the Armed Security Officers.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ANNUAL HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION PARTICIPATION

Mr. Angeli explained the certification requirements and options.

Ms. Hegedus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Muscara, to adopt the following:

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Killingly Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Ms. Hegedus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Muscara, to adopt the following:

The Killingly Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity.

For example, soccer games, school plays and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

Voice vote: 7-1 Majority, Ms. Rivera-Abrams opposed. Motion passed.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF WEBSITE

ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS- <https://www.w3.org/TR/2018/REC-WCAG21-20180605/>

Mr. Angeli gave a synopsis of the accessibility standards.

Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, to adopt the adoption of website accessibility standards as presented. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. March 22, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. April 3, 2023 Student Enrollment
- C. Employee of the Month Nominee
- D. KCS Field Trip Request to Old Sturbridge Village

Mr. Muscara pulled agenda item 12A.

Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hegedus, to accept consent agenda items 12B, C, and D as presented.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dombkowski, to accept agenda 12A as presented.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Mr. Muscara and Mr. Napierata abstained.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 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