

**Regular Meeting**  
**KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Wednesday, June 14, 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 7:00 p.m.  
Ms. Martin 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, Kyle Napierata, and Lydia Rivera-Abrams were present. Also present were Superintendent Angeli, Asst. Superintendent Dr. Nash- Ditzel, Student Board Members Connor Thompson and Julie Carver, Manager of Business Affairs Christine Clark, PPS Director Kathleen Cote, Council Rep Patti George, Town Manager Calorio, 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 7:06 p.m.

**4. RECONGINITION OF VISITORS**

- A. KHS Robotics Team – Mr. Ferron and Mr. Angeli presented a plaque in recognition of the Robotics Team successes.
- B. Introduction of Armed Security Officers for Killingly Public Schools – Town Manager Calorio introduced the new Armed Security Officers.

**Mr. Napierata made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hegedus, to move Agenda Item 14C forward. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

14C. KHS Robotics Competition Trip to London, England (February 2025)

**Ms. Hegedus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lannon, to approve Agenda Item 14C as presented. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jenelle Provencher, 55 Ladds Lane, Dayville, spoke about school and community climate and staff retention. She is concerned about the direction the schools are going in.

**6. TWO INTERVIEWS AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF APPLICANTS FOR BOARD VACANCIES**

The Board interviewed Danny Rovero.

**Ms. Rivera- Abrams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lannon, to appoint Mr. Rovero to the Board of Education. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

The Board interviewed Laura Lawrence.

**Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Napierata, to appoint Ms. Laurence to the Board of Education. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

**7. POSSIBLE SHORT BREAK FOR SWEARING-IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER(S)**

**Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hegedus, to take a short break for swearing-in of new Board members. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

The Board was in recess from 7:47 p.m. to 7:51 p.m.

**8. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

Ms. George gave an update on Town Council activities.

**9. BOARD CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**A. Curriculum Committee**

**1. Discussion on New Grade 4 Social Studies Textbook Recommendation**

Ms. Hegedus and Dr. Nash explained the recommendation. The proposed textbook will be available to the public for review at the Central Office.

**2. Discussion and Possible Action on the Approval of AP Art Course**

Ms. Hegedus and Art Teacher Jamie Carver explained the need for an AP Art Course and what impact it would have.

**Ms. Lannon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hegedus, to approve the addition of an AP Art Course. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

**B. Facilities Committee - Mr. Angeli invited the Board Members to the signing of the beam at KMS project either Thursday or Friday morning.**

**C. Fiscal Committee – covered under the Superintendent’s report.**

**D. Personnel Committee – covered under Agenda Items 15 and 16.**

**E. Policy Committee – no update.**

**10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHITSONS FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Mr. Angeli introduced Food Service Director Tim Mugan and explained the contract for renewal.

**Mr. Napierata made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lannon, to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Whitsons Food Service Contract Renewal as presented. Voice vote:**

**11. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF MAY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Clark discussed the May 2023 Financial Report.

**12. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF MAY 2023 MONTHLY CHECK AUTHORIZATION**

**Ms. Hegedus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dombkowski, to accept the May 2023 Monthly Check Authorization as presented. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

**13. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

**A. Update Regarding 2023-24 Budget - Mr. Angeli gave an update.**

**B. Discussion Regarding the Summer Mental Health Worker Grant**

Mr. Angeli invited Ms. Cote to explain the grant as it was submitted.

**14. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. May 24, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

B. June 1, 2023 Student Enrollment

Ms. Lannon pulled Consent Agenda Item 14A.

**Ms. Hegedus made a motion, seconded by Mr. Napierata, to accept Consent Agenda Item B as presented. Voice vote: Unanimous, Mr. Rovero abstained. Motion passed.**

**Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lannon, to accept Consent Agenda Item A as presented.**

Ms. Lannon noted a correction under Public Comment. Lacey Luneau read a statement from Eric Milot.

**Voice vote: Unanimous, Mr. Ferron, Mr. Rovero, and Ms. Lawrence abstained. Motion carried, with corrections.**

#### 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-UNION SALARIES

**Mr. Napierata made a motion, seconded by Ms. Martin, to move to Executive Session with Mr. Angeli to discuss Non-Union Salaries. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

Moved to Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. and returned at 9:17 p.m

#### 16. POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NON-UNION SALARIES

**Mr. Napierata made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dombkowski, to accept the Non-Union Salaries as presented. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

#### 17. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTER

**Ms. Martin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dombkowski, to move to Executive Session with Dr. Diane Summa. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

Moved to Executive Session at 9:19 p.m. and returned at 9:37 p.m.

#### 18. POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER

**Ms. Rivera-Abrams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Napierata, to offer Dr. Diane Summa the position of Interim Superintendent with a start date of July 1, 2023 until we are able to hire a new Superintendent for the Killingly Public Schools. Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.**

#### 19. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 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