

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 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. Dombkowski lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Susan Nash- Ditzel, Interim Asst. Superintendent Dr. Diane Summa, IT Director Christian Iamartino, Director of Mental Health and Wellness Kathy Cote, District Attendance Coordinator Christina Main, Town Council Representative Michelle Murphy, and Secretary Buzalski.

3. REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBER - No report.

4. RECONGINITION OF VISITORS

A. Killingly Public Schools 2023-24 Paraprofessional of the Year, Karrisa Smith

Dr. Nash recognized Karrisa Smith as KPS 2023-24 Paraprofessional of the Year.

B. Killingly Public Schools 2023-24 Teacher of the Year, David Desrosiers

Dr. Nash recognized David Desrosiers as KPS 2023-24 Teacher of the Year.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment.

6. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Michelle Murphy updated the Board on Town Council activities and answered questions from Board Members. She noted that during the Special Town Meeting on August 8, 2023, The Town Council voted to authorize a transfer of up to \$746,742 to the established Unexpended Education Funds Account for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

7. BOARD CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. Curriculum Committee – no update

B. Facilities Committee – no update

C. Fiscal Committee - no update

D. Personnel Committee - no update

E. Policy Committee - no update

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

A. Opening of the 2023-24 School Year

Dr. Nash gave an update on the following:

1. Hiring

2. Transportation

3. Video from Convocation

B. Report by Kathy Cote regarding CHR

Dr. Nash invited Ms. Cote to give an update on CHR.

C. Report by Attendance Coordinator Christina Main

Dr. Nash invited Ms. Main to give a presentation on attendance issues and the efforts to improve attendance.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE 2023-24 ALLIANCE GRANT

Dr. Summa explained the 2023-24 Alliance Grant.

Mr. Rovero made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, to approve the 2023-24 Alliance Grant as presented. Discussion followed.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ED-099 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE CHANGE FORM

Mr. Napierata made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lannon, that the Killingly Board of Education authorizes the execution of ED-099 Permanent Single Agreement to participate in the Child Nutrition Programs and to designate the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Sue Nash-Ditzel as the authorized signer of the Agreement and claims for reimbursement. Furthermore, to authorize the Manager of Business Affairs, Christine Clark, to certify claims for reimbursement in the absence or incapacity of the Superintendent of Schools.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT AS SIGNATORY

Mr. Napierata made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lannon, to hereby authorize as of August 21, 2023 that the Superintendent, Dr. Sue Nash-Ditzel to accept, on behalf of the Board of Education of the Killingly Public Schools, any and all grants, financial allocations, awards, appropriations and donations provided to the schools for their use and benefit, and to execute any and all documents, financial and otherwise, required or advisable for the acceptance thereof and for the daily operation of the schools.

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. August 24, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Student Enrollment for September 1, 2023
- C. KHS Music Dept. Trip Request to Hershey, PA in April 2024

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

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Dr. Nash and Ms. Martin, on behalf of the Board of Education, presented Dr. Summa with a floral arrangement in recognition of her help to the Killingly Public Schools.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Voice vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 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