

**SPECIAL MEETING
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Wednesday, JANUARY 17, 2024

8:00 PM

KPS CENTRAL OFFICE, 79 WESTFIELD AVE. CONFERENCE
ROOM A

MINUTES

Present: Laura Dombkowski, Meredith Giambattista, Susan Lannon, Laura Lawrence, Kevin Marcoux, Kelly Martin, Misty Murdock, Kyle Napierata, & Danny Rovero.

Others Present: Dr. Sue Nash-Ditzel-Superintendent, Jeffrey Guiot-Assistant Superintendent, and Keely Doyle-Recording Secretary.

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Board Chair, Susan Lannon called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL-** Please see above.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** No comments.
4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSSION OF STRATEGY REGARDING PENDING CLAIMS AND LITIGATION: STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HEARING CONCERNING 10-4B COMPLAINT**

MOTION: by Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Misty Murdock that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy regarding pending claims and litigation, specifically the pending State Board of Education hearing concerning the Section 10-4b complaint filed against the Board, and that the Board invite into executive session Dr. Susan Nash, Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Guiot, Assistant Superintendent, Attorney Richard Mills and Attorney Patrick Noonan.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES- 5 Meredith Giambattista, Kevin Marcoux, Misty Murdock, Danny Rovero, Susan Lannon.

NO- 4 Laura Dombkowski, Laura Lawrence, Kyle Napierata, Kelly Martin.

Motion Fails

A discussion ensued and Kelly Martin stated that there was not a 2/3 vote to go into executive session, therefore the Board made the following motion.

MOTION: by Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Misty Murdock to take a 10-minute recess.

**Unanimous
Motion Carries.**

The Board meeting resumed at 8:16 p.m.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RETENTION OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR DEFENSE OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HEARING CONCERNING 10-4B COMPLAINT.

MOTION: by Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Misty Murdock that the Board retain the law firm of Carmody, Torrance, Sandak & Hennessey LLP for the purpose of the defense of the State Board of Education hearing concerning the Section 10-4b complaint filed against the Board, including the possible resolution of the complaint, and moved further that the Board waive any applicable bidding procedure in Board Policy 3323 with respect to this retention of legal counsel, because a bidding procedure is not feasible and because it is in the best educational interests of the Killingly Public Schools that legal counsel be retained expeditiously for the purpose of defending and attempting to resolve the Section 10-4b complaint.

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES- 5 Meredith Giambattista, Kevin Marcoux, Misty Murdock, Danny Rovero, & Susan Lannon.

NO- 4 Laura Lawrence, Kelly Martin, Kyle Napierata, & Laura Dombkowski.

Motion Carries

Discussion took place regarding the January 10, 2024 Board meeting, and action taken to add two items to the agenda but not meeting the required 2/3 vote.

Board Chair Susan Lannon stated that only items on tonight's agenda will be discussed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Kyle Napierata to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

**Unanimous
Motion Carries**

Respectfully submitted by,

Keely Doyle,

Recording Secretary