

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION'S ADHOC COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SCHOOL MASCOT**

**Monday, September 23, 2024**

**8:30 PM**

**THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM**

**Participants for Public Comment, please use the link below.**

**<https://zoom.us/j/91402112138?pwd=V52fXNDpiacb0byczCktCFvar3jPH7.1>**

**Meeting ID: 914 0211 2138**

**Passcode: 158074**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT-** *Members of the public are encouraged to share their thoughts with the Board of Education and are invited to do so during this segment of the meeting. 30 minutes will be allotted for public comment per meeting, limited to no more than 3 minutes , maximum per person. People wishing to speak must sign-up prior to the start of the meeting. When appropriate to do so, members of the Board and the administration may respond to comments. However, in consideration of those in attendance and in an effort to proceed in a timely manner, follow-up discussion may need to take place outside of the meeting setting.*
- 3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF JUNE 3, 2024 ADHOC MEETING MINUTES**
- 4. DISCUSSION OF MASCOT IDEAS**
- 5. DISCUSSION OF RETIREMENT OF FORMER MASCOT**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Special Meeting**  
**KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION'S**  
**ADHOC COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SCHOOL MASCOT**  
**Monday, June 3, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

**CENTRAL OFFICE, 79 WESTFIELD AVE. CONFERENCE ROOM A**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Kevin Marcoux, Misty Murdock, Meredith Giambattista.  
Absent with notification, Susan Lannon.

**GUESTS:** Superintendent Susan Nash-Ditzel, and Assistant Superintendent Jeff Guiot.

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Committee chairperson, Kevin Marcoux called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comments.

**3. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF APRIL 29, 2024 ADHOC MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion** by Meredith Giambattista, seconded by Misty Murdock to approve minutes.

**Yes-3, motion carries.**

**4. REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE CURRENT MASCOT**

Mr. Marcoux shared three documents with the adhoc committee.

1. A letter from the Nipmuc Tribal Council Chairman, Kenneth Gould Sr dated July 12, 2019.
2. A letter from the Nipmuc Nation Tribal Council, tribal clerk, Love T. Richardson, dated September 23, 2016.
3. The letter written by the KHS athletic department.

All three documents were in support of Killingly replacing the current mascot.

**5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD TO RETIRE THE CURRENT MASCOT AND DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR THE SELECTION OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL MASCOT AND POTENTIAL GRADES 5-12 MASCOT.**

**Motion** by Misty Murdock, seconded by Meredith Giambattista to recommend to the full board to retire the current mascot and direct the superintendent to develop a process for the selection of a new high school mascot and potential grade 5–12 mascot.

**Yes - 3, motion carries.**

## **6. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LETTER/FORM TO CT STATE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

Discussion recognizing that the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan fund section 3–55J of the Connecticut general statutes certification form must be completed and submitted by the town manager prior to June 30 in order for the town of Killingly to receive grant money in the amount of approximately \$94,000.

**Motion** by Meredith Giambattista, seconded by Misty Murdock to recommend to the full board that option 2 of the form be checked off, indicating that the school or associated intramural or interscholastic athletic team, does not use any of the following and its mascot, nickname, logo, or team name: a name, symbol or image that depicts, refers to, or is associated with a Native American individual custom, tradition or state or federally recognized tribes.

**Yes 3, motion carries.**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Meredith Giambattista, seconded by Misty Murdock to adjourn.

**Yes-3, motion carries.**

The June 3, 2024 AdHoc committee meeting to discuss school mascot adjourned at 5:28pm.

Notes taken by Kevin Marcoux