

# Summary of January 2025 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

## Cougar Pride

HKHS Principal Donna Hayward shared with the Board about the 36th Annual Holiday Telethon. The event raised over \$10,000, with all proceeds supporting Haddam Killingworth Youth and Family Services. The event is a student-run initiative, and Principal Hayward noted that its success is a testament to the students' exceptional leadership, dedication, and commitment. She showed the news video segment that appeared on NBC.

## Student Representative Report

Student representative Michael Perry reported to the Board on the following items:

- On January 7th, the Student Equity Advisory Board was introduced to the facility
- January 8th was Alumni Day, and it was a huge success.
- January 17th and 18th was the Southern Regional Festival, where 15 choral students and 1 band student participated.
- 8th Grade Parent Night took place on January 27th
- HKHS hosted the Shoreline Leadership Conference on January 31st

## Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported to the Board on the following items:

- The Indoor Air Quality reports for all school facilities were completed and submitted to the State for review.
- Dual communication systems for fire alarm monitoring were installed at all schools for enhanced safety and reliability.
- The National School Lunch Program grant-funded equipment has been successfully delivered and installed at KES, BES, and HKHS.
- The CT State Department of Education notified RSD17 that our Increasing Educator Diversity Plan has been approved.

## FY24 Audit Presentation

Michele Loso from Seward and Monde presented an overview of the FY24 Financial Audit Report, which was discussed in detail with the Finance & Facilities Committee. The Finance Committee reported that they reviewed the audit at their last meeting and noted that the full 2% had not been allocated to the Non-lapsing account (previously called the Capital account). Director Pierce requested Board approval to move \$52,400.42 to the non-lapsing account, and Shawna Goldfarb reported that the Finance & Facilities Committee recommended the transfer. The Board voted to approve the transfer, to bring the fund up to the 2% threshold.

## Board Subcommittee Chairs

There are a few open positions that need to be filled on subcommittees due to members who have left. Joe Centofanti has been assigned to the role of Co-Chair of the Finance & Facilities Subcommittee and Heather Pach has been assigned to the role of Chair of the Policy Subcommittee.

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