

**Regular Meeting**  
**KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Central Office 79 Westfield Ave., Killingly CT 06239**  
**Conference Room A**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Laura Dombkowski, Laura Lawrence (absent with notification), Kevin Marcoux, Kelly Martin (absent with notification), Misty Murdock, Kyle Napierata, Danny Rovero (absent with notification), Meredith Giambattista, Susan Lannon, Student Board Member Phillip Purcell

**Guests:** **Superintendent Susan Nash, Assistant Superintendent Jeffrey Guiot, and Acting Recording Secretary Amy Perreault**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meredith Giambattista, co-chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and Misty Murdock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL-** See above

**3. BOARD SHOUT-OUTS-**

Susan Lannon gave a shout out to the Killingly Robotics Team for winning the Excellence Award during their competition in London, England.

**4. REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Phillip Purcell shared news and activities happening at the schools. Some of those highlights are the following.

**KIS:** KIS students involved in the Student Engagement Committee run by the Superintendent have been working on a way to spread the word about bullying and its negative impact on students. This month they are focused on creating a video that is student produced, student directed, and student run about this sensitive topic. The students are very excited about being part of this campaign and hope that their efforts will

help clarify what bullying is, how every student can help reduce its impact, and how to speak to caring adults if they are having any issues in school.

**KCS:** KCS is celebrating a week dedicated to kindness! The hallways are decorated with "Kindness links" earned for caring actions, and students have been encouraged to sit with a new friend during lunch and play with someone they haven't before. Throughout the week, students have been taking part in interactive read-aloud sessions that focus on friendship and kindness. Both staff and students have also been writing kind notes to each other, which are displayed on hearts in the hallway and office windows for everyone to view. On Friday, students are invited to wear white, pink, or red and will participate in a Community Meeting to highlight the events of the week.

**Goodyear:** Goodyear has designated the week of February 19<sup>th</sup> as "Bird Investigation Week." Children will be observing the natural environment, as well as researching the types of birds who live and visit our Goodyear Nature Preserve.

**KMS:** Grade 4 students participated in an educational program based in Long Island Sound called Project Oceanology. Students conducted a hands-on experiment focused on erosion. They were tasked with engineering a solution to protect a home from the forces of "Mother Nature". They had to make sure that the home did not wash away into the ocean. Next Thursday, our general education students in collaboration with our Alternative Intensive learning program will have the opportunity to engage in a world-class drumming experience for neurodivergent students! This program fosters social integration, emotional regulation, coordination, creativity, and communication. We are so excited to bring this opportunity to KMS!

**KHS:** We held our Great Things Happen Here assembly on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Carver and Mrs. Temple recognized students who received Art Awards. We recognized our school counselors at the assembly in honor of School Counselor Appreciation Week. Students received RED awards from teachers and teachers received recognitions from students for all their outstanding support. The KHS Robotics Team traveled to London, England last week to participate in a competition at Queen Elizabeth's school. Our 3 teams competed against 28 teams from the United Kingdom on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The junior team earned the Excellence Award at the Battle of Barnet in London England. Teachers participated in SAT proctor training on Monday in preparation for the CT SAT School Day on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All juniors are required to take the SAT on this date. KHS will hold their annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade Career Pathway and Academic Showcase on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. 5-7PM. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in attending KHS next year will visit each of the departments, meet teachers, view the Career and Technical Education classrooms and labs to learn more about our programs. There are several upcoming events for the Eastern Connecticut Conference Winter Sports Playoffs: Check the CIAC website for dates and times.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT - No Public Comment**

**6. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT-**

Town Council member Michelle Murphy shared that on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, Lieutenant Governor, Susan Bysiewicz will be having a ceremony to honor Korean and Vietnam War Veterans at Killingly High School. Council Member Murphy shared that Killingly Town Manager, Mary Calorio, is resigning. Her last day will be May 5, 2025.

**7. BOARD CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE & LIAISON UPDATES**

A. Curriculum Committee- No Update

B. Facilities Committee- Met February 12, 2025. They discussed the progress of the access road at KHS and construction at KMS. They discussed the Capital Improvement plan for next year that will be brought to the full board at the next meeting.

C. Fiscal Committee- Last budget workshop will be February 19, 2025.

D. Personnel Committee- Continuing negotiations with Transportation.

E. Policy Committee- No Update

F. AdHoc Committee to Discuss District-wide Bullying- No Update

G. AdHoc Committee to Discuss School Mascot- Meeting February 13,2025 at 6pm.

H. Parks and Recreation Liaison- KPRD is excited about their move from Broad Street to Westfield Ave. There's some concern about updates that need to be made in the auditorium and gymnasium at Westfield Ave. KPRD is working on getting donations for those renovations since the cost is not in the upgrade budget. KPRD classes are at full capacity. Youth Hoop basketball had a wonderful Youth Hoop Night at Killingly High School. Little Theatre will be changing its name to KPAC (Killingly Performing Arts Center) after the move to Westfield. KPRD has signed a 2-year agreement with a firework vendor. They are gathering donations to pay for the fireworks.

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**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TRANSFER OVER \$10,000 FOR EASTCONN SUPPORT OF SIS, STATE REPORTING AND RELATED SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES**

Assistant Superintendent, Jeffrey Guiot asked for \$11,358.89 to be transferred to cover the cost of EASTCONN consulting and training Killingly Public Schools, SIS coordinator, for the remainder of the school year. The consultation and training provided will assist the SIS coordinator in streamlining state reporting that is required.

**Motion:** by Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Misty Murdock to approve transfer over \$10,000.

**YES-6, Unanimous  
Motion Carries**

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

- A. Killingly Therapeutic Academy Tuition Update-  
Tuition for students that are out-of-district will be set at \$375 a day or \$68,000 a school year. The revenue from out-of-district tuition will be put into a special revenue fund that was approved by the town council. The special revenue fund will be used for costs associated with Killingly Therapeutic Academy.
  
- B. Attendance Update-  
Christina Main, Attendance Coordinator for Killingly Public Schools presented an update on attendance numbers, attendance awards handed out, and attendance incentives and contests for February and March. The last 3 months have seen a decline in the chronic absent rate. December had the highest Average Daily Attendance for the school year. March Madness is planned as an attendance contest for March.
  
- C. School Safety & Security Update-  
Jeffrey Guiot gave an update on school safety and security. Killingly Public Schools received funding through the Stronger Connections Grant. With funding from the grant, KPS hired Blueline Security Group to run a Safety and Security Assessment. Blueline Security briefed KPS and provided reports and recommendations for each school. From those reports and recommendations, KPS has come up with short- and long-term action steps.

## **10. CONSENT AGENDA-**

- A. 1-22-2025 BoE Meeting Minutes
- B. February 3, 2025 Student Enrollment
- C. February EOM Nomination
- D. KHS Art Field Trip Request, Boston MA
- E. KHS Senior Class Field Trip Request, Lincoln RI
- F. KCP Summer Field Trip Requests (7)
  - Biomes Marine Biology Center, N. Kingstown RI
  - Mohegan Bowl, Webster MA
  - Roger Williams Zoo, Providence RI
  - Crab Apple Whitewater, Charlemont MA
  - Mulligans's Island, Cranston RI
  - Crystal Caves, Auburn MA
  - Ecotarium, Worcester MA
  
- G. KHS Robotics World Championships, Dallas Texas or US Nationals, Iowa
  
- H. KHS Percussion Ensemble Field Trip, University of RI

**Motion:** by Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Misty Murdock to approve consent agenda.  
**YES-6, Unanimous**  
**Motion Carries**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** by Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Misty Murdock to adjourn at 7:41pm.  
**YES-6, Unanimous**  
**Motion Carries**

**Respectfully submitted by**  
*Amy Perreault*  
**Acting Recording Secretary**