



**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2025**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 3, 2025, in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium.

Board Member Attendance:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Joseph Centofanti		X	Dr. Nelson Rivera	X	
Sonja Charpentier	X		Corey Roberts		X
Lisa Connelly	X		Suzanne Sack	X	
Jennifer Favalora	X		Jennifer Voegtli	X	
Shawna Goldfarb		X	Dr. Kathleen Zandi		X
Heather Pach	X				

Also Present: Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey, Student Services Director Dr. Aaron Puzarne, Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser, Principal Brienne Whidden, Principal Donna Hayward, Principal Eric Larson, Principal Dennis Reed, Principal Dorothy Ventura, Curriculum Coordinators Heather Rigatti and Jennifer Beermuender, Elementary Coordinator Rebecca Templeton, Assistant Principal Heather Persson

Visitors: Approximately 65

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Recognition Ceremonies:

A. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth High School's Top Ten Students of the Class of 2025

Principal Hayward presented the Top Ten Students of the Class of 2025 as follows:

- No. 10: Brody Mitchill
- No. 9: Olivia Macaluso
- No. 8: Ava Mazzotta

- No. 7: Grace LaConte
- No. 6: Jackson Smith
- No. 5: Jeffrey Thebeau
- No. 4: Mathias Schweitzer
- No. 3: Bryce Leiberan
- No. 2: Clare Link
- No. 1: Michael Perry

B. Recognition of District Retirees

- 1. Tara Bartlett - presented by Principal Dorothy Ventura
- 2. Corey Borzain - presented by Principal Donna Hayward
- 3. Barth Keck - presented by Principal Donna Hayward
- 4. Nancy Lavriha-Smith - presented by Principal Brienne Whidden
- 5. Debra Slowik - presented by Principal Brienne Whidden
- 6. Andree Pias - presented by Principal Eric Larson
- 7. Anne O'Brien - presented by Principal Eric Larson
- 8. Pamela Hensel - presented by Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey

C. Recognition of Staff Members of the Year

- 1. HKIS Staff Member of the Year, Diana Blair, presented by Principal Eric Larson
- 2. KES Staff Member of the Year, Jaclyn Paulsen, presented by Principal Dennis Reed
- 3. BES Staff Member of the Year, Keith Lewis, presented by Principal Brienne Whidden
- 4. HKMS Staff Member of the Year, Megan Madore, presented by Principal Dorothy Ventura
- 5. HKHS Staff Member of the Year, Amy Giarnella, presented by Principal Donna Hayward
- 6. District Staff Member of the Year, Sharon Shettleworth, presented by Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey

D. Recognition of District Teachers of the Year

- 1. HKIS Teacher of the Year, Julie Coogan, presented by Principal Eric Larson
- 2. KES Teacher of the Year, Eliza Heil, presented by Principal Dennis Reed
- 3. BES Teacher of the Year, Tracey Penney, presented by Principal Brienne Whidden
- 4. HKMS Teacher of the Year, Kaitlyn Sunderland, presented by Principal Dorothy Ventura
- 5. HKHS/RSD17 Teacher of the Year, Maude Bing, presented by Principal Donna Hayward

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Dr. Kathleen Zandi, Secretary