

Summary of June 2025

RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Wihbey reported to the Board that graduation was a wonderful event. In his final report, he expressed gratitude to the community for their support. The accomplishments achieved by the community, the Board, administrators, staff, families, and students were remarkable. Notable highlights included the Schools of Distinction, outstanding SAT scores, and the overall success and growth of the organization. Board Chair Sack thanked the Superintendent on behalf of the Board of Education for his service. She praised him for bringing the strategic plan to life and guiding the District toward academic growth. Superintendent Smith officially began his position on July 1st.

HKHS PROJECT UPDATE

The Board discussed potential dates for the High School Project Referendum, considering the advantages and disadvantages of each option. They focused on factors such as voter turnout, potential conflicts, and timing. The Board evaluated the benefits and challenges associated with each date to identify the most suitable option. Michael Ayles from Antinozzi provided context, noting that October is a common timeframe for such referendums, as it falls between the suggested dates that were discussed. He pointed out that while holding the referendum on Election Day is rare, it could be a possibility if the Board decides to pursue that date.

The Board voted to conduct the HKHS project referendum on October 7, 2025, so that results may be forwarded to the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services no later than November 15, 2025.

BUDGET

The third referendum was held on July 8th and passed in both towns.

HKHS NEW SMART DEVICE POLICY

Principal Hayward and Assistant Principal Apicella met with the Policy Subcommittee and outlined the development process and how it will be implemented. This will be included in the student handbooks for the fall, Communication regarding the new policy will be sent to families, including procedure for expectations.

BOE SUMMER WORKSHOP

Members of the Board will attend the annual summer workshop on Saturday, July 26th.

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<https://www.rsd17.org/district/board-of-education>.