

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Central Office, Conference Room A,**  
**79 Westfield Ave., Killingly, CT 06239**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Susan Lannon(absent with notification), Meredith Giambattista, Laura Domkowski(absent with notification), Nelson King, Kevin Marcoux, Kelly Martin(absent with notification), Misty Murdock(absent with notification), Kyle Provencher, Diane Summa. Student Board members, Tomas Gutierrez and Edward Purcell

**Guests:** Superintendent Susan Nash, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Drake, Recording Secretary Amy Perreault

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

Co-Chair Meredith Giambattista called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. Diane Summa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL-** See above

**3. BOARD SHOUT-OUTS**

Nelson King gave a shout out to the BoE for sending a get well floral arrangement when he was unwell. Kevin Marcoux gave a shout out to the Killingly High School Unified Sports coaches, Marcia Farquar and Tom Espisito for everything they do and for having such a great program that brings joy to those watching and providing a program for kids to participate in a sports program that's not super competitive.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT-** No public comment

**5. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-**

**A. KHS A.P. Recognition**

KHS Principal Carrie Apanovitch and Lead Counselor Nicole Tilton recognized four exceptional AP teachers whose dedication extends far beyond lesson plans and test dates. Those teachers are Julie Gutierrez, Nicola Able, Michael Craig, and Ernest Dodge. Ms. Apanovitch and Ms. Tilton also recongnized students from the graduatong class of 2025 for their A.P Academic achievement.

**Student Awards:** Score of 3 or Higher: Abigail Anforth, Mia Ayotte, Thomas Berube, Kyleigh Bieglow, Dani Carlsen, Kylie Day, Emma Desrosiers, Norah DiMartino, Penelope Fernandes, Kathrin Fischer, Alayla Gebo, Alexander Hebert, Elian Keomanivong, Kylie Lawrence,

Knowledge Leslie, Emily Mancini, Aiden Mantia, Lilah Moran, Katie Smith, Kendra St. Marie, James Watson.

**AP Scholar:** 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams: Robert Alves, Olivia Andrade, Dakota Bourbeau, Courtney Courtemanche, Philip Fernandez Garcia, Chloe Magao, Russell Sharpe, Andrew Souriyamath, Lucy St. Germain, Ivan Tang

**AP Scholars with Honors:** 3.25 on All AP exams taken, with scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more AP Exams: Caydan Jonasch, Addison Montville, Devon Plantier, Noah Reinhart

**AP Scholars with Distinction:** 3.5 on all AP exams taken, with scores of 3 or higher on five or more AP exams: Philip Purcell, Usa Sacksith

## 6. REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

**KMS-** On Friday, December 12th, KMS participated in the Connecticut Children's Hospital Pajama Day fundraiser to support children with cancer. Thank you to our generous KMS families, staff, and students. KMS participated in their own KMS Holiday Extravaganza. The event included the annual sing-along, ugly sweater contest, and a staff performance which brought laughter and strengthened our sense of community. The first session of after-school enrichment clubs will conclude on January 22nd. It has been wonderful to see how much students are enjoying these opportunities. The next session will begin in March.

**KIS-** This month, KIS is continuing its focus on respect as part of its overall culture. They just placed an order for sweatshirts for their student leadership group, Push Back, which is exciting because it gives their SEL work a visible presence in the building. KIS is also partnering with Healthy Heroes, to promote healthier snack choices and awareness. Their after-school programs are going strong, including ski club, which students are really enjoying. Another highlight is the great partnership between KIS and Killingly High School while our auditorium is under construction. Fifth and sixth graders will be performing at the high school tomorrow night, and it's been awesome to see the music departments and transportation working together to make that happen. Lastly, it's been great to see the eighth graders at KIS maturing as they start thinking more seriously about high school. Even in the middle of winter, it's clear that positive things are happening there

**KHS-** We were proud to recognize our RED Award recipients including our KHS students who earned a score of 3 or higher on last year's AP exams and several of their teachers. Six Killingly Robotics teams competed at Middletown High School on January 10 as the season reached its midpoint. Teams are actively working to earn qualifying spots for the Connecticut State Championship later this year, with aspirations of advancing to the World Robotics Championship in St. Louis from April 21–26. Killingly Robotics will compete again on Saturday, January 17, as Killingly High School hosts its own competition beginning at 7:00 a.m. The event will feature nine Killingly teams and provides an opportunity for the community to support our students. Last week, 80 students participated in interviews for admission to the Agricultural Science program, reflecting robust interest in this cherished and signature program. Current students and faculty did a phenomenal job promoting the program, supporting the interview process, and representing the strength, rigor, and unique opportunities of the Ag Science Department. Students from the Killingly music program participated in the Eastern Regional Music Festival held at the University of Connecticut this past weekend. They represented Killingly with pride while showcasing their musical talent at the regional level. This past weekend, six students represented Killingly High School at a Model United Nations competition in Seekonk, MA. Students demonstrated strong preparation, diplomacy, and critical thinking as they engaged in collaborative problem-solving and global issue analysis with peers from across the region. On Monday, January 12, 2026, Killingly High School hosted a memorable Unified Basketball Senior Night celebrating 16 seniors from our expanded five-team Unified Basketball program. The evening included

teams from Griswold, Thompson, Putnam, Woodstock, and Killingly and highlighted the inclusive spirit, sportsmanship, and community partnerships that define Unified Sports at KHS. The National Honor Society hosted a blood drive on December 10, securing 41 confirmed donation appointments. In addition, coordinated outreach efforts resulted in more than eight families receiving food boxes containing approximately two weeks' worth of groceries. These families also received \$25 gift cards funded through the KHS Cares Staff Luncheon, providing additional support during the holiday season.

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION on Adoption of Broadcast Journalism 1 to the High School Program of Studies**

**Motion: by Kyle Provencher seconded by Nelson King to Adopt Broadcast Journalism 1 to the High School Program of Studies**

**Motion Carries**

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION on Adoption of Illustration 1 to the High School Program of Studies**

**Motion: by Diane Summa seconded by Kyle Provencher to adopt Illustration 1 to the High School Program of Studies**

**Motion Carries**

**9. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT-**

Town Council Liaison Jim Rivers gave a Town Council update. The Town Council met for 4 ½ hours on Tuesday, November 13, 2026. Topics of discussion at the meeting were town council liaison assignments, the sewer moratorium, and Old Killingly Pond.

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

A. Curriculum Committee- Met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 and recommended 2 new courses be brought to the Board Meeting on January 14, 2026

B. Facilities Committee- No update

C. Fiscal Committee- No update

D. Personnel Committee- No update

E. Policy Committee-

1. Discussion and Possible Action as a Second Reading of Policy #4152.6 Family and Medical Leave

**Motion: by Kyle Provencher seconded by Diane Summa to Adopt Policy #4152.6 Family and Medical Leave**

**Motion Carries**

2. Discussion and Possible Action as a Second Reading of Policy #0521 Nondiscrimination

**Motion: by Kyle Provencher seconded by Diane Summa to Adopt Policy #4152.6 Family and Medical Leave**

## **Motion Carries**

F. Updates from Liaisons for: Town Council, CABLE, Cable Advisory, EASTCONN, Economic Development, Parks & Recreation, PBC

1. REQUEST FOR RE- APPOINTMENT TO THE CABLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Motion:** by Kyle Provencher seconded by Nelson King to Re-Appoint Steve Marchesseault to the Cable Advisory Council  
**Motion Carries**

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PERKINS GRANT FY2026

**Motion:** by Kyle Provencher seconded by Kevin Marcoux to apply for Perkins Grant  
**Motion Carries**

12. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT- DECEMBER 2025

13. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY CHECK AUTHORIZATION

**Motion:** by Kevin Marcoux seconded by Kyle Provencher to approve monthly check authorization  
**Motion Carries**

14. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

A. Budget Update-

The proposed budget totals \$50,258,448.31, representing a 4.84% increase. The increase is largely driven by an 82% rise in purchased services, primarily related to special education needs, including out-of-district placements. The budget reflects a proactive and strategic approach to meeting the growing demands of special education services. State reimbursement has been calculated using a 75% reimbursement rate. The NESDEC report indicates a decline in overall student enrollment over the past four years, while special education enrollment has increased during the same period. In response to these trends, staffing reallocations are being explored to better align resources with student needs.

**15. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. December 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. January 1, 2026 Student Enrollment
- C. BoE Budget Presentation Dates
- D. Field Trip Request: KIS Ski Club to Wachusett Mountain

**Meredith Giambattista pulled Consent Agenda A**

**Motion:** by Kevin Marcoux seconded by Kyle Provencher to approve consent agenda items B,C,D

**Motion Carries**

**Motion:** by Kevin Marcoux seconded by Kyle Provencher to approve consent agenda A

**4-Yes 1-Abstention (Diane Summa)**

**Motion Carries**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** by Kyle Provencher seconded by Kevin Marcoux to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm.