

Regular Board Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
7:00 PM

Central Office, Conference Room A, 79 Westfield Ave., Killingly, CT 06239

MINUTES

Present: Laura Dombkowski, Nelson King, Kevin Marcoux, Kelly Martin(absent with notification), Misty Murdock, Kyle Provencher, Diane Summa, Meredith Giambattista, Susan Lannon

Guests: Superintendent Dr. Sue Nash, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Drake, Recording Secretary Amy Perreault, Student Board Members Tomas Gutierrez and Emerson Joly

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meredith Giambattista called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Kyle Provencher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL- See above

3. BOARD SHOUT-OUTS-

Kevin Marcoux gave a shout out to KHS Cheer coach and team for their 2nd place finish in their competition.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

A. Student Recipients of the 2026 Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendent (CAPSS) Student Leadership Awards

Six student were recipients of this year's CAPSS Student Leadership Award. This is a very prestigious award given to students who demonstrate academic success, school leadership and service to others. KIS, KMS and KHS selected two students each. Students were presented a Certificate of Excellence in a ceremony on March 10 at Planfield High School. The six KPS student recipients were Adam Holleran and Maddison Mederios(Grade 4); Wyatt Roode and Melody Julien (Grade 8); Evan Kozey and Hiddassah Chiwaya (Grade 12).

B. Friends of Learning in Killingly (FOLK)- Janice Ahola Sidaway, President of FOLK gave an update about FOLK. \$100,000 has been given away in 27 yrs. This year they had a record number of grants. 22 grants in total to 21 teachers/teams totaling \$11,620. These grants helped fund general classroom materials, outdoor curriculum, maps, field trips, robotics, special needs projects, gardens, mud kitchens, and banners.

C. Employee of the Month- February 2026- Kurt Michon

5. FFA WEEK PRESENTATION-

FFA students Siobhan Hart and Isaiah Benoit shared news about the Killingly FFA Chapter in recogniton of FFA Week Celebration. FFA week took place the week of February 15, 2025. Gifts of

appreciation were handed out to all Board members. The Killingly FFA Chapter has approximately 160 members. Students are very active in the community. Students have appeared on WINY, and attended Town Council meetings. Students are involved in many competitions in the local Chapter, in the District, at State, and National levels. During the Corn Maze event, they collected food to donate to the local food pantry. FFA members are working with Meals of Hope to provide meals for families in the area. Greenhand recipients is the first of four degrees and is achieved by students who develop supervised agricultural experiences, a required component of agricultural education programs that provides students with hands-on, work-based learning opportunities in agriculture-related fields.

6. **REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS-**

Goodyear Report:

Goodyear students and staff are happily transitioning from snow investigation to mud season! Parent-teacher conferences are this Thursday, and at Goodyear, we celebrate Read Across America for the whole month of March. Please consider visiting us to read. We are also excited that Killingly was chosen as Connecticut's pilot site for the launch of a Pyramid Community Plan. Representatives from KCS, KMS, Eastconn Head Start, and Goodyear have met regularly with the state Pyramid team to plan a Pyramid Community Launch on March 28th at QVCC. Families and providers are invited to come learn more about the Pyramid approach to social-emotional development in young children.

KCS Report:

KCS is looking forward to our Pizza and Pyramid event this Friday. Kindergarten and First Grade families are invited to join us for an evening of fun hands-on learning activities designed to support children's regulation strategies at home while also helping families build their children's social-emotional competency. We also want to remind families that KCS Conferences will be held on March 24 and 25. Families are encouraged to sign up for a conference to connect with their child's teacher and discuss their progress. In celebration of Read Across America, whose theme this year is "Champion Kindness," KCS students have been spreading love and positivity throughout the building. Students have been participating in activities that promote kindness, and completing thoughtful deeds for others within our school community. We are proud of the positive spirit our students continue to demonstrate each day.

KMS Report:

Last week, KMS celebrated Read Across America with exciting activities that brought books to life! Students and staff participated in door decorating featuring their favorite books and enjoyed a fun-filled spirit week, including dressing as your favorite book character. Students also welcomed guest readers, including members of our community. Thank you for sharing your love of reading with our students. After school enrichment clubs began on Monday, February 23rd at KMS! Students are participating in the following clubs: Robotics, crafts, clay, wacky science, team games, Koala chorus, Legos, and mileage club. The program runs Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday through May 14th. Free snacks are served each day. KMS Parent teacher conferences are taking place next Tuesday, March 17th and Thursday, March 19th as well as the Scholastic Book Fair.

KIS Report:

One of the heartbeats of KIS is the strength of our after-school clubs, which give students opportunities to explore interests, build friendships, and stay connected to school beyond the regular day. Our spring clubs, running from March 23 through June 4, offer a wide range of activities. Students can participate in a hands-on science and craft club, where they explore science concepts through creative projects. Our Disney Club gives students a fun space to watch Disney clips, color, and talk about their favorite characters and stories. In Miniatures Club, students design and build small projects using recycled materials like cereal boxes, painting and shaping their creations. Our library book club features read-alouds and student-created book reviews and trailers, while an additional upper-grade book club provides older students with opportunities for deeper discussions about books. Students can also join our Fitness Club, where they learn basic workout routines in the weight room with guidance from staff, and our Sewing Club, where they learn hand-sewing skills and complete creative projects. Finally, we are looking forward to the start of our spring sports season, with track and field beginning soon as our students look to build on last year's QVCC championship season.

KHS Report:

We are proud to recognize a group of outstanding Killingly High School Model United Nations Students on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Boston College High School in Dorchester, Massachusetts. We extend our sincere appreciation to KHS teacher Julie Gutierrez, whose guidance and leadership made this valuable experience possible for our students. Please join me in congratulating our Killingly High School delegates for their professionalism, preparation, and commitment to representing KHS with pride. Their participation reflects the curiosity, leadership, and global awareness we strive to cultivate in our school community. KTV Students recently attended the STN 2026 Conference, where more than 4,000 students from across the country participated in media production challenges and competitions. Congratulations to Jenna DiFusco, who earned First Place in the Movie Trailer competition and also to Mackenzie Pothier, Anna Kelly, and Kaedynce Reggione, who received an Honorable Mention (5th Place) for their 30-Second Commercial. The Career Pathways and Academic Showcase, held on March 9, provided students and families with the opportunity to explore pathway programs and academic opportunities available at the high school. Attendees viewed student projects and presentations, received information about college and career readiness, and connected with teachers and program leaders to learn more about the programs offered. Looking ahead, upcoming events include the RED Assembly on March 20 and SAT School Day on April 2.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT- *No Public Comment***
8. **TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**
9. **BOARD CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE & LIAISON UPDATES**
 - A. Curriculum Committee- No update
 - B. Facilities Committee- No update
 - C. Fiscal Committee- No update
 - D. Personnel Committee- No update

Dr. Diane Summa appreciates Dr. Nash's work on the budget but cannot support a 7.61% increase on the taxpayers. All other board members are in support of the budget.

Motion: by Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Nelson King to adopt the 2026-27 budget in the amount of \$51,586,549.83.
Roll Call Vote
No-1 Diane Summa
Yes- 7
Motion Carries

15. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board Meeting Minutes
- B. February 2026 Student Enrollment

Motion: by Kevin Marcoux seconded, by Kyle Provencher to approve consent agenda item 15.B.

Motion: by Misty Murdock, seconded by Kevin Marcoux to approve consent agenda item 15.A.
Yes-5
Abstain-3 Dr. Diane Summa, Kyle Provencher, Laura Dombkowski
Motion Carries

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Misty Murdock, seconded by Kyle Provencher to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm.
Motion Carries