

Regular Board Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
7:00 PM

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

Present: Nelson King, Kevin Marcoux, Misty Murdock, Kyle Provencher,
Dr. Diane Summa, Meredith Giambattista

Absent with Notification: Laura Dombkowski, Kelly Martin, Susan Lannon

Guests: Superintendent Dr. Sue Nash, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Drake,
Recording Secretary Amy Perreault

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** -called to order at 7:01pm
2. **ROLL CALL**-See Above
3. **BOARD SHOUT-OUTS**- Meredith Giambattista gave a shoutout to the Vo-Ag department and student for the beautiful flower arrangements given to the Board for Board Appreciation.
4. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
 - A. March 2026 Employee of the Month- James Ladd
5. **EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION: TEACHING & LEARNING SHOWCASE**- Jim Hutson, Killingly High School Technology Student Association Advisor showcased students that participated at the 49th Annual CT State TSA Conference in Windstor CT on March 28, 2026. KHS TSA achieved several 1st place awards along with 2nd and 3rd place awards. Several of the award winners spoke about their experience and enjoyment with the TSA program and their future aspirations. KHS TSA students have qualified to compete at the 49th Annual National TSA Conference in Washington, DC June 22-26th. CT Awards winners are:
 - 1st place in Architectural Design - Walter Okoney and Ryan Webster
 - 2nd Place in Architectural Design - Catrina Turgeon
 - 3rd Place in Architectural Design - Ella Moyer
 - 1st Place in 2D Architectural Engineering - Walter Okoney
 - 3rd Place in 2D Architectural Engineering - Ella Moyer
 - 1st Structural Engineering - Ryan Webster and Tyler Smith
 - 1st Place in Dragster Design - Kingston Rhodes
 - Certificate of Excellence - Matthew Guenette
6. **REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Goodyear:
As always, good stuff happening at Goodyear.
April does indeed bring spring showers, so Goodyear classrooms have been suiting up in their raingear and boots and heading outside. For children moving on to kindergarten, we plan for a successful transition by meeting with KCS staff, supporting families with an informational night hosted by KCS, and planning a step up day. The week of April 20-24 is Neurodiversity Awareness

Week at Goodyear. We celebrate neurodiversity by highlighting universal design practices such as providing natural lighting and sensory friendly environments.

KCS:

KCS's fundraising efforts have been incredibly successful, raising over \$8,000 to support field trip experiences for students in Grades K and 1. These funds will help ensure that all students can participate in enriching, hands-on learning opportunities. Planned trips include Kindergarten visits to the Denison Pequot Nature Center, and Grade 1 trips to the Audubon Center in Pomfret and the KIS Planetarium. We extend our sincere thanks to our families for making these opportunities possible. Kindergarten registration is now open. Families are encouraged to visit Central Office located on Westfield Ave to begin the registration process. Additionally, Kindergarten Orientation will be held at KCS on April 23rd at 5:30 PM. This event will provide an overview of the kindergarten curriculum, expectations, and helpful information to support a smooth transition into school.

KMS:

Tuesday, April 21st, KMS will welcome families for Literacy Night from 5:30-7:00. The night will contain read aloud adventures; they will have the opportunity to listen to our grade 4 poets and learn tips and tricks to make learning a part of family routines. State testing for grades 3 & 4 begins on Wednesday, April 22nd. Snacks will be provided each morning for the students. During the week of April 20th, grade 4 will be visiting the Connecticut Science Center. Grades 2 and 3 will see the play, Magic School Bus, Lost in the Solar System at the Loos Center for the Arts in Pomfret.

KIS:

At Killingly Intermediate School, our spring season is off to a strong start. Both the baseball and softball teams opened with wins yesterday despite the cold and windy conditions, and our track season begins this week. After school, there's a lot happening with athletics and clubs, which really helps make school a place students want to be. Our student leadership groups are also continuing their work to improve school culture. Right now, they're leading a schoolwide effort focused on respect in shared spaces. There's a friendly competition between grade-level hallways to keep areas clean, with daily check-ins and points toward a schoolwide reward. It's been a great way to build pride and responsibility across the building.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT- *No public comment***
8. **TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT-No 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- Start Negotiations in May
 - E. Policy Committee
 1. Discussion and Possible Action as a FIRST READING of Policy #6163.3 Instruction Live Animals in the Classroom- Misty Murdock went over the change from no live animals in

the classroom to animals being allowed in the classroom at the discretion of the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.

2. Discussion and Possible Action as a FIRST READING of Policy #6142.101 School Wellness Policy- Updates that the state requires. Nelson King questioned having dry peanuts listed on the approved snack list. Suggestion was made to add the districts allergy policy number to that section.

F. School Climate Committee- Had a meeting March 23

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

10. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY TO THE KILLINGLY REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CENTER'S CONSULTING COMMITTEE-

MOTION: by Misty Murdock seconded by Kevin Marcoux to appoint Erin Archenbach to the Killingly Regional Agricultrual Education Centers Consulting Committee Motion carries

11. SOLAR UPDATE FROM ADAM TEFF OF TITAN ENERGY- NK-solar panels are saving cash- KM any potential to add more panels? KP-how does it work for municipalities and the energy distribution. Revenue question-go back to town or school.

12. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT-

Manager of Business Affairs, Christine Clark gave a financial update. March 31st marked the end of the 3rd Quarter. At the end of the 3rd Quarter total expenditures and encumberances are 73.5% of approved budget. Projecting a deficit of \$652,000. Primary driver of remaining shortfall continues to be special education outplacements. There has been savings in salary and benefits totalling \$484,000. Budget freeze has improved reliability of year end projections and the financial picture has stabilized. The business department is monitoring a shortfall of \$100,000 for two positions that were paid for by Medicaid reimbursement. Revenue projections remain stable.

13. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY CHECK AUTHORIZATION

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

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION (HFC) FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27-

MOTION: by Dr. Diane Summa seconded by Nelson King that...

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f the Killingly Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

MOTION: by Kyle Provencher seconded by Misty Murdock that...

“The Killingly School District will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

MOTION: by Kyle Provencher seconded by Misty Murdock that....

“The Killingly School District will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extra extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

15. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF FAFSA GRANT-

MOTION: by Kevin Marcoux seconded by Kyle Provencher to accept the FAFSA Grant application

Motion Carries

16. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF LETTER OF INTENT FOR NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—COMMUNITY CONSORTIUM-

MOTION: by Nelson King seconded by Misty Murdock to send letter of intent for New England District Community Consortium

Motion Carries

17. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE- Dr. Nash shared that Thompson will be joining the Adult Ed program.

A. KPS: Safety Updates-

Assistant Superintendent Andrea Drake gave a brief update on safety updates taking place through Killingly Public Schools.

B. CLIMATE COMMITTEE POLICY UPDATE-

Dr. Nash went over School Climate Policy that was adopted in December. Dr. Nash went over what it looks like in the building and the major shifts. Bigger changes that needed to be adopted as building leaders is Challenging Behavior. Dr. Nash also presented data about disciplinary challenges each school are facing as well as restorative practices.

18. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. March 11, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. March 2026 Student Enrollment
- C. Field Trip Request to Westerly Education Center, Westerly RI, May 14, 2026
- D. Field Trip Request to Roger Williams Zoo, Providence RI, May 18, 2026
- E. Field Trip Request to Urban Air, Bellingham MA, June 12, 2026

MOTION: by Kevin Marcoux seconded by Misty Murdock to approve consent agenda items A-E

Motion Carries

19. ADJOURNMENT-

MOTION: by Misty Murdock seconded by Kyle Provencher to adjourn at 8:58pm

Motion Carries

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Perreault
Recording Secretary