

Regular Board Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Present: Kevin Marcoux, Misty Murdock, Kyle Provencher, Steve Schroth, Dr. Diane Summa, Meredith Giambattista, Susan Lannon

Absent with Notification: Laura Dombkowski

Guest: Superintendent Dr. Paul Haughey, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Drake, Recording Secretary Amy Perreault

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm
2. **ROLL CALL-** See Above
3. **BOARD SHOUT-OUTS-** Susan Lannon gave a shout out to Matt Sierakowski and the lasting impact he's had on past students. Ms. Lannon also gave a shout out to Killingly High School's volleyball coach, Chloe Yip for her first win as a coach.

4. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

- A. KPS Teacher of the Year 26-27, Bethany Knowlton
- B. KPS Paraeducator of the Year 26-27, Tara Smith
- C. Community Engagement Coordinator, Kristine Cicchetti

5. **REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Goodyear: Goodyear staff welcomed preschoolers on their first day of school (EVER for many preschoolers!) and overall it was a smooth opening. Meeting families prior to school opening at Open House and/or home visits last week had a huge positive impact on this very big transition to school.

This year we are taking nature-based learning even further with the addition of an outdoor art studio and look forward to opening our outdoor STEM lab in a few weeks. Thanks go to staff and the FOLKS grants for making this possible.

Welcome Class of 2041 and bring on the school year 26-27!

KCS: KCS has had a wonderful start to the 2026–2027 school year! Students and staff returned eager and excited to begin a new year of learning and growth.

This year, we also piloted our first Meet and Greet, which provided students and families with dedicated one-on-one time with their new teacher. This was a wonderful opportunity for families and teachers to get to know one another while students explored their new classroom and school before the first day.

Our new drop-off and pick-up procedures have also continued to improve and become more efficient. We are now successfully able to load and unload close to 120 students in approximately 30 minutes. While we are pleased with the progress, our goal is to continue refining the process and shave even more time off as routines become increasingly established.

KCS is also preparing to celebrate our Summer Reading and Math Challenge! We encourage all KCS families to submit their child's completed packet by September 25th.

Finally, a big shout-out to all KCS staff and faculty for their dedication and teamwork in helping make our students' transition back to school smooth and successful. It truly takes a village, and we are grateful for everyone who plays a role in making KCS such a special place for our students and families.

KMS: It is wonderful to be back together at Killingly Memorial School! We are off to a great start! The opening of school went smoothly, and students are already settling into routines and adjusting nicely.

The KMS Open House was held on the Wednesday before the first day of school. It was a tremendous success. Families had the opportunity to meet their child's teacher, learn about classroom expectations, and connect with a variety of community partners who had information tables available including the Boy Scouts, CHR, and our attendance coordinator all before school began. This made the first day of school run so smoothly.

The Scholastic Book Fair was also in full swing that evening, drawing a huge crowd. Funds raised from the fair will directly support cultural and performing arts events for our students throughout the year.

We are also proud to recognize the many KMS students who participated in our Summer Reading and Math Challenge. These students not only benefited from extra practice over the summer but were also celebrated with a certificate of achievement and a special celebration.

KIS: It has been a great start to the school year at KIS! We've welcomed back lots of smiling faces, and our new staff members have quickly become part of the KIS community.

Capturing Kids' Hearts was a great way for our staff to begin the year together, with a focus on building strong relationships and making sure every student feels welcomed and connected.

We're also looking forward to our Open House this tomorrow from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Fall sports are underway, with cross country and boys' and girls' soccer beginning their seasons, and student leadership groups are starting to form.

Overall, there's a lot of positive energy at KIS, and we're excited for a great year ahead!

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** No Public Comment

7. **INTERVIEW OF DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION OF APPLICANT TO FILL BOARD VACANCY WITH POSSIBLE ACTION**

Motion: by Kyle Provencher, seconded by Diane Summa to accept Maria Marcotte to the Board of Education

Unanimous, Motion Carries

MOTION: by Diane Summa, seconded by Misty Murdock to invite Manager of Business of Affairs to join the meeting.

Unanimous, Motion Carries

8. **TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT-** Town Council Liaison, Adam Reynolds shared that the Town Council has raised concerns about the timeliness of the Board of Education's fiscal reporting. Mr. Reynolds also shared that the Town Council would like to see representation from the Board Of Education at Town Council meetings. Discussion followed.

9. BOARD CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE & LIAISON UPDATES

- A. Curriculum Committee
- B. Facilities Committee

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AWARDING KIS ROOF REPLACEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY

MOTION: by Kevin Marcoux seconded by Misty Murdock to award the KIS Roof Replacement Feasibility study as recommended by Ms. Drake and the Facilities committee using \$21,800 of the allotted \$48,000 for the study

Unanimous, Motion Carries

- C. Fiscal Committee
- D. Personnel Committee
- E. Policy Committee
- F. School Climate Committee
- G. Updates from Liaisons for: Town Council, CAFE, Cable Advisory, EASTCONN, Economic Development, Parks & Recreation, PBC

10. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

11. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY CHECK AUTHORIZATION

MOTION: by Diane Summa seconded by Steve Schroth to approve the monthly check authorization.

Unanimous- Motion Carries

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ED-099 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE CHANGE FORM

MOTION: by Misty Murdock seconded by Steve Schroth that the Killingly Board of Education authorizes the execution of ED-099 Permanent Single Agreement to participate in the Child Nutrition Programs and to designate the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Paul Haughey as the authorized signer of the Agreement and claims for reimbursement. Furthermore, to authorize the Manager of Business Affairs, Christine Clark, to certify claims for reimbursement in the absence or incapacity of the Superintendent of Schools.

Unanimous, Motion Carries

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT AS SIGNATORY

MOTION:

by **Kevin Marcoux** seconded by Steve Schroth to hereby authorize as of September 1, 2026 that the Superintendent, Dr. Paul Haughey to accept, on behalf of the Board of Education of the Killingly Public Schools, any and all grants, financial allocations, awards, appropriations and donations provided to the schools for their use and benefit, and to execute any and all documents, financial and otherwise, required or advisable for the acceptance thereof and for the daily operation of the schools. Unanimous- Motion Carries

14. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF ALLIANCE GRANT

MOTION:

by Misty Murdock seconded by Kevin Marcoux to accept Alliance Grant as presented

15. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

A. Opening of School Update

16. CONSENT AGENDA

A. June 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

B. July 21, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

C. August 25, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

D. September 1, 2026 Student Enrollment

E. Field Trip Request: Basketball Hall of Fame, January 15-17, 2027

Susan Lannon pulled Consent Agenda 16.A

MOTION:

by Misty Murdock seconded by Steve Schroth to approve consent agenda item 16.A

6-Yes

1-Abstention (Susan Lannon)

Motion Carries

MOTION:

by Kevin Marcoux seconded by Misty Murdock to approve consent agenda items 16.B, 16.C, 16.D, 16.E

Unanimous, Motion Carries

MOTION: by Kevin Marcoux, seconded by Kyle Provencher to add an addendum to the agenda and add EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW A PERSONNEL MATTER.

Unanimous, Motion Carries

MOTION: by Misty Murdock seconded by Kevin Marcoux to move to Executive Session with an invitation to Superintendent, Dr. Paul Haughey and Direct of Human Resources, Kimberly Gillespie Burnham

Unanimous, Motion Carries

Board entered executive session at 8:41pm.

Board exited executive session at at 9:20pm.

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Misty Murdock, seconded by Steve Schroth to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm

Unanimous, Motion Carries