

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Board of Education News

A Special Thank You to the Departing Members of the Board of Education

Amy Jacques-Purdy of Haddam served on the BOE for twelve years. She served first as Secretary and then as Chair. Amy was very instrumental as Chair of the Policy Subcommittee. Her work on the Facilities Subcommittee was much appreciated. Her experience on the BOE, her extensive knowledge and dedication will be missed.

Karen Perry of Killingworth served as Chair of the Board. Karen contributed much as Chair of the Personnel & Evaluation Subcommittee. She headed this group through several contract negotiations. In addition, her knowledge as a lawyer and her background in economics were important for our Board and for the district.

Becky Valenti of Haddam served for four years in many capacities. Becky was Secretary and served on several subcommittees. She was dedicated and rarely missed meetings.

Michele Amendola of Killingworth served two years on the BOE. Her expertise on health issues and negotiation matters was an important contribution for our BOE.

2015-16 Members of the Board of Education

New from Haddam: Maura Cawley, Neal Perron

New from Killingworth: Eric Couture, Suzanne Sack

Re-elected: Sue Twachtman (Haddam), Joel D'Angelo (Killingworth), and Jeannie Young (Killingworth)

Remaining BOE members:

Haddam: Kathy Brown, Dan Chase, Joanne Nesti

Killingworth: Susan Dean

New Board of Education Officers (December 2015-December 2017)

Chair: Joel D'Angelo (Killingworth)

Vice-Chair: Joanne Nesti (Haddam)

Treasurer: Suzanne Sack (Killingworth)

Secretary: Kathy Brown (Haddam)

Subcommittees

The new Chair will appoint BOE members to the following subcommittees:

Communications, Curriculum, Facilities, Finance, Personnel & Evaluation, and Policy.

In addition, there are liaison groups on which BOE members will serve:

Curriculum Council, Haddam-Killingworth Park & Recreation, Healthy Communities-Healthy Kids (HKYFS), LEARN, Haddam Board of Selectmen, Killingworth Board of Selectmen.

A Special Thank you to Sue Twachtman

Sue served as Chair of the Board of Education for the last two years. She never missed a meeting. Sue was instrumental in serving on several subcommittees and liaison groups. She was present at many community events and spent considerable time responding to concerns, phone calls, and emails from district residents. Her steady and calm demeanor was appreciated by all. Job well done!

Happy Holidays and a Rewarding New Year

The Regional District 17 Board of Education wishes to extend to school employees, students, and district residents the warmest regards for this December holiday season and for a happy and rewarding new year 2016.



Accessing Information

- District website is www.rsd17.org.
- Facebook Page information is at www.facebook.com/HKSchools
- The RSD 17 app-mobile site can be accessed through your cell phone.
- Television: The meeting schedule for the Board of Education is posted on the district website and the public is welcome. The meetings are televised on Channel 18, HKTV every Tuesday at 8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm and on Thursday at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.