

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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District News

New Faculty

Over the summer we were pleased to hire an experienced and talented group of new faculty members. We are excited to welcome the following new teachers to our RSD 17 Community:

Christine Ahearn	Math, HS	Jamie Beckman	Special Ed., BES
Paige Callahan	Reading Coach, MS	Sharon Elliott-Sullivan	Spanish, MS/HS
Ryan Fuller	English, HS	Kerry Geoghegan	Math, MS
Ross Hanson	Math, HS	Kayla Evans	Special Ed., MS
Consuelo Magleby	Spanish, HS	Patricia McCay	SLP., MS/HES
Andrea Monnes	Special Ed., MS	Georganna Munz	2 nd Grade, KES
Darren Myers	Guidance Counselor, HS	Brian Pember	Math, MS
Amy Polderman	Music, BES	Rebecca Reinhold	Special Ed., MS
Robert Salerno	Music, MS	Jessica Weren	Lib. Media, BES/HES

HKHS Named One of America's Top High Schools

Haddam Killingworth High School has been recognized as "One of America's Top High Schools" by Newsweek magazine for the third consecutive year. HKHS is one of 16 Connecticut high schools to earn this recognition. This recognition is based on student achievement and college readiness. Haddam-Killingworth High School came in at 267/500 nationally and 6/16 among Connecticut Schools recognized.

Haddam Killingworth High School ranked #1 in Shoreline conference and #2 in Demographic Reference Group for English Language Arts Statewide SAT exam for 11th grade and ranked #2 in Shoreline conference for mathematics.

Class of 2016 completed more than 17,276 Community Service hours, that's the equivalent of 2 years!

Board of Education News

Board of Education Members

Haddam: Joanne Nesti (Vice Chair), Kathy Brown (Secretary), Dan Chase, Neal Perron, Sue Twachtman, and Maura Wallin

Killingworth: Joel D'Angelo (Chair), Suzanne Sack (Treasurer), Eric Couture, Susan Dean, and Jeannie Young

A Special Note of Appreciation

The Board of Education sincerely wishes everyone a rewarding and productive 2016-2017 school year.

The BOE wishes to thank all school employees for their work during the school year and the summer to make this coming year a successful one. There is always a great deal of time and effort needed to conclude one school year and then prepare for an upcoming one. Thank you!

Back to School/Convocation Ceremony

The Convocation Ceremony was held Tuesday morning, August 30 in the HK High School auditorium. Welcoming remarks came from many including Superintendent Howard Thiery and Killingworth First Selectwoman Cathy Iino. BOE members were present. Congratulations to Carolyn LaRosa, Teacher of the Year from the HK Middle School, who also spoke. This ceremony is always a positive sendoff for the staff for the new school year.

HKHS Energy and Facilities Upgrade

Information and details concerning the HKHS upgrade and timeline can be found on the district website and in the latest pamphlet sent to each district residence. Additional public hearings and a renovation referendum vote date will be publicized on the district website, on Haddam Now, and on Killingworth Today. Another reminder will be sent to all district residences.

- District website is www.rsd17.org.
- Facebook Page information is at www.facebook.com/HKSchools
- www.haddamnow.com
- www.killingworthtoday.com

Policy Subcommittee Work

The Policy Subcommittee under the leadership of Kathy Brown, continues to work on the 6000 Series on Instruction. The policies of a school board encompass numerous areas: Missions and Goals, Community Relations, Administration, Business & Non-Instructional Operations, Personnel-Certified & Non-Certified, Students, Instruction, New Construction, and Bylaws of the Board. Board Policies can be viewed at the Central Office. Some can be found on the RSD 17 website.

All agenda and minutes of Board of Education Meetings and Subcommittee meetings are posted on the district website under Board of Education.

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, HKTU every Tuesday at 8:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm and on Thursday at 7:00 pm