

# REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### **Board of Education News**

**April 2017**

#### **Budget News**

The 2017-18 budget process has been a long one commencing last October. With careful consideration and deliberation, the Superintendent presented his proposed budget in March. After a series of public meetings and workshops reviewing the budget, it was finalized and presented to the community. The increase has been trimmed down to 0.37 percent. The public will vote on this budget at the referendum Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the regular voting locations in Haddam, Haddam Neck, and Killingworth. The voting hours are 6 am to 8 pm.

The Board of Education and the towns of Haddam and Killingworth continue working together to bring changes to the Governor's proposed February budget so that the impact on our towns will be lessened.

#### **Public Building Committee**

The Public Building Committee has met frequently and done considerable research. They have been making important decisions regarding the Haddam-Killingworth High School roof, boiler, and lighting upgrade projects.

The committee selected a roofing system and made its recommendation that the Board of Education approved. Upon a recommendation from the PBC the Board voted to extend the timeline of the boiler replacement to November/December 2017. The lighting project bidding process has not been completed at this time. Detailed information on the renovations can be found on the district website.

The committee is a diverse group of community members, Board members, and Regional 17 staff members, led by Chairmen Tom Hogarty. After a thorough evaluation process, including interviews with several firms, the committee selected Silver, Petrucelli & Associates as the architectural firm for the roofing project and DTC as the engineering firm for the boiler and lighting upgrade project. The committee has selected a roofing system and made its recommendation to the Board of Education that was approved.

A special thank you to members of the PBC: Tom Hogarty (Chair), Bob Braren, Eric Couture, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Bill Leahy, Lizz Milardo, Joanne Nesti, Karen Perry and Sue Twachtman.

#### **Board of Education Subcommittee Work**

##### **Communications Subcommittee**

This group gathers information to compose the Board of Education Update. This publication is then placed on the RSD 17 website under BOE news. Past publications are listed as well. The Update is sent out via the Superintendent's email list. Hard copies are located in the Central Office, both town halls, both town libraries, the Haddam Senior Center, and Jensen's Recreation Center in Killingworth. In addition the Update is printed on the Haddam Now website.

The Board of Education Handbook created by this subcommittee is available on the RSD 17 website and at the Central Office.

##### **Policy Subcommittee**

This committee reviews and updates the policy series for RSD 17. The sections consist of the following:

District missions-goals-objectives, Community Relations, Administration, Business and Non-Instructional Operations, Personnel, Students, Instruction, Construction of Physical Facilities, BOE Bylaws. Any new state or federal laws must be incorporated into the series. At this time, the committee is working on the Instruction section (6000 series).

##### **Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee**

As delegated by the Regional District 17 Board of Education, the Personnel and Evaluation committee is responsible for the collective bargaining process with union groups in the District. This committee is currently in contract

negotiations with the Support Services bargaining unit. Contract negotiations with the teachers union will begin in the fall.

### **Strategic Capital Planning**

This committee has been working to complete Capital Plan for RSD 17 that:

- meets the instructional objectives of the school district, and
- utilizes the capital assets available to RSD 17 in the most efficient and cost effective way, and
- creates a long range capital plan, policies and procedures and identifies funding sources.

The committee presented an in-depth report analyzing data associated with 1) enrollment trends, 2) capacity utilization, 3) Capital Fund funding and spending, 4) Capital Improvement List/Costs.

The next steps are to complete a capital plan and associated policy and procedures, make recommendations for more effective and efficient capacity utilization, and enrollment projections.

### **Board of Education**

Chair: Joel D'Angelo (Killingworth)

Vice-Chair: Joanne Nesti (Haddam)

Treasurer: Suzanne Sack (Killingworth)

Secretary: Kathy Brown (Haddam)

Haddam: Dan Chase, Peter Sonski, Sue Twachtman, Maura Wallin

Killingworth: Eric Couture, Susan Dean, Jeannie Young

#### **Subcommittees:**

Communications, Curriculum, Facilities, Finance, Personnel & Evaluation, Policy, Strategic Capital Planning

#### **Liaison Groups:**

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

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the 2017 inductees to the Haddam-Killingworth Hall of Fame: Candace Casale, John Coggins, Thomas Lentz, Wayne LePard, Edward Munster, Michelle Ouellette and Katrin (Trin) Walton.

Board of Education members have been active in this celebration as recipients and as committee members.

Congratulations to the Eric Auer Student Civic Achievement Award winners: Benjamin Chasse, Julia Duffield and Jonathan Grasso.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Induction Dinner will be held at the The Riverhouse in Haddam on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$40.00 and are available at all school offices and the RSD 17 Central Office. They must be purchased by April 28<sup>th</sup> and cannot be purchased at the event.

### **Accessing Information**

- District website is [www.rsd17.org](http://www.rsd17.org)

On that site can be found the agenda and minutes of BOE meetings, subcommittee meetings. Budget information, district calendars, individual school information, details of the HK High School building projects, plus links to related district information are located here as well.

- Facebook Page information is at [www.facebook.com/HKSchools](http://www.facebook.com/HKSchools)

- District news can be viewed on [www.haddamnow.com](http://www.haddamnow.com)

At this time [www.killingworthtoday](http://www.killingworthtoday) is not operating. The editors of Haddam Now have agreed to publish important news items from Killingworth in the interim.

- 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 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.