

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Board of Education News **December 2016**

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 2017.

A Special Thank You

The RSD 17 BOE appreciates the support from district residents in the passage of the December 13 Renovation Referendum. This will enable the BOE to proceed to the next step in completing the approved items. A Public Building Committee will be appointed to work on the various aspects of this project. It oversees the project on behalf of the Board.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our HKHS Girls Field Hockey team as the new State Champions. We are very proud of our athletes. A special thank you to Patsy Kamercia, the coach, and to our Athletic Department.

The HK Holiday Show

The 28th HK Holiday Show will be held on Friday, December 23 at the HK High School. It will run (broadcast on channel 18) from 8:00 am until 11:30 am. As in the past, BOE members have attended and contributed to this event. The show can be viewed on Channel 18 throughout the holiday season. The Connecticut Sports Foundation that dedicates its time and money to help cancer patients is the recipient of this year's drive.

Budget News

The 2017-18 budget process has begun. After careful consideration and deliberation, the Superintendent will present his proposed budget in early March. Then the Board of Education conducts a series of public meetings and workshops to review the budget, finalize it and present it to the community for a vote. Special Education, Health Insurance and contract obligations are responsibilities that must be taken into account. In addition are the numerous unfunded and underfunded State and Federal Mandates. There are many aspects of the budget to review and we invite the public to be part of the process at any of our special or regular meetings this coming spring.

A BOE Strategic Capital Planning Subcommittee has been formed to review the needs of our capital assets, the funding of the Capital Fund and will develop a capital plan and associated policies and procedures to govern it.

On Monday December 19, the BOE met with the Killingworth and Haddam BOS and BOF to discuss budget concerns. This was a very beneficial meeting so that all could hear and understand the challenges the towns and schools face. There was discussion on how we can better communicate and what resources might be available to ease the taxpayer burden. It was agreed that future meetings would be important.

Board of Education

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Accessing Information

- District website is 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, plus links to related district information are located here as well.

- Facebook Page information is at www.facebook.com/HKSchools
- District news can be viewed on www.haddamnow.com

At this time 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.