

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 6, 2017

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 6, 2017 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Vice Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Members Present: *Dan Chase, Kathy Brown, Jeannie Young (Arrived at 7:07), Sue Twachtman, Maura Wallin, Eric Couture, Suzanne Sack, Susan Dean, Peter Sonski and Joanne Nesti*

Members Absent: *Joel D'Angelo*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Principal of Burr Elementary School, Eric Larson, Principal of Haddam Elementary School, Bryan Kerachsky, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 85*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Vice Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Board of Education Vice Chair, Joanne Nesti, opened the Ceremony by introducing the Board of Education Members. She spoke on how among us was a former teacher Susan Dean, some of us were parents of students, Eric Couture was a former graduate and how we are always amongst the students during their education journey and thereafter. She expressed how grateful we are for the teachers and staff's dedication to the kids and school. She also stated how we are guided by a mission to be successful and how we are all in this together. She further spoke on the strong leadership it takes in the school system with commitment, skill, talent, dedication, and thanked Superintendent of Schools Howard Thiery for his hard work.

Superintendent Howard Thiery expressed how we are all here to celebrate excellence and also to thank students, retirees, faculty and staff for their hard work. He stated how this is by far one of his two favorite meetings of the year.

Recognition Ceremonies:

A. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth High School's Top Ten Students of the Class of 2017
Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the Top Ten Students of the Class of 2017 as follows:

- No. 10: Patrick Dooley of Killingworth*
- No. 9: Alise Greco of Higganum*
- No. 8: Jenna Marciniak of Killingworth*
- No. 7: Morgan Neydorff of Killingworth*
- No. 6: Allison Zupan of Haddam*
- No. 5: Margareta Nystrom of Killingworth*
- No. 4: Christina Miceli of Higganum*
- No. 3: Caitlyn VonFeldt of Higganum*
- No. 2: Mary Pizzuto of Killingworth, Salutatorian*

B. Recognition of The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Student Leadership Awardees:

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the CABE Student Leadership Awardees as follows:

1. *Benjamin Chasse of Higganum*
2. *Allegra Rosa of Killingworth*

C. Recognition of District Retirees:

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the District Retirees as follows:

1. *Nancy Tozzo of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School*
2. *Mary Ventres of Killingworth Elementary School*
3. *Paul Beekley of Haddam-Killingworth High School*

D. Recognition of District Staff Members of the Year:

1. *Linda Petras of Burr Elementary School, presented by Principal Eric Larson*
2. *Noreen Granucci of Haddam Elementary School, presented by Principal Bryan Kerachsky*
3. *Michael Reilly of Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed*
4. *Lindsey Lehet of Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Donna Hayward*
5. *Elizabeth Stehr of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, presented by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen*

E. Recognition of District Teachers of the Year:

1. *Rebecca Rodbourn of Burr Elementary School, presented by Principal Eric Larson*
2. *Diana McKenzie of Haddam Elementary School, presented by Principal Bryan Kerachsky*
3. *Leanne Honious of Killingworth Elementary School, presented by Principal Dennis Reed*
4. *Barth Keck of Haddam-Killingworth High School, presented by Principal Donna Hayward*
5. ***Gretchen Schwanfelder was named Regional School District No. 17 Teacher of the Year, presented by Principal Dr. Jennifer Olsen***

Superintendent Howard Thiery thanked the Top Ten Students, CABE Awardees, District Retirees, Staff Members and Teachers of the Year for their dedication and hard work. He stated what an inspiration they are to everyone.

Board Vice Chair, Joanne Nesti, closed the Ceremony by expressing how inspired we all are and how fortunate we are to live here in the Haddam-Killingworth community together. She thanked and congratulated everyone and reiterated how this night is truly a celebration for all.

The Ceremony concluded at 8:03 p.m. The Board took a short recess and reconvened in the Board Room at 8:15 p.m.

Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract:

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding Item 3 on the Agenda.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	YES	<u>✓</u>	NO	___	A	___
Dan Chase	YES	<u>✓</u>	NO	___	A	___
Maura Wallin	YES	<u>✓</u>	NO	___	A	___
Eric Couture	YES	<u>✓</u>	NO	___	A	___
Susan Dean	YES	<u>✓</u>	NO	___	A	___

Joanne Nesti	YES	<u>✓</u>	NO	___	A	___
Peter Sonski	YES	<u>✓</u>	NO	___	A	___
Suzanne Sack	YES	<u>✓</u>	NO	___	A	___
Sue Twachtman	YES	<u>✓</u>	NO	___	A	___
Jeannie Young	YES	<u>✓</u>	NO	___	A	___
Joel D'Angelo	Absent					

The Board went into the Executive Session at 8:18 PM.

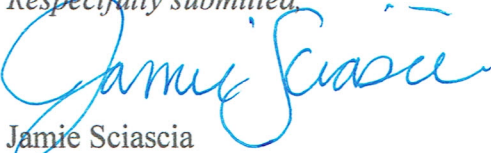
*Eric Couture **MOVED** and Dan Chase **SECONDED** a motion to exit the Executive Session. Motion was granted.*

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:03 PM.


Adjournment:

Board of Education Vice Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 6/20/17
Kathy Brown, Secretary