

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 6, 2023**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 6, 2023, in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium.

**Board Member Attendance:**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Prem Aithal	X		Dr. Nelson Rivera	X	
Lisa Connelly	X		Corey Roberts		X
Dr. Joel D'Angelo		X	Peter Sonski	X	
Jennifer Favalora	X		Dr. Kathleen Zandi (remote)	X	
Shawna Goldfarb	X		Suzanne Sack	X	
Hamish MacPhail		X			

**Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Wihbey, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Miller, Director of Fiscal Operations David Solin, Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser, Director of Operations John Mercier, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School Donna Hayward, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, Student Services Coordinators, Becky Templeton and Tonya Gorgone, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Heather Persson, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School Brienne Whidden, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School Dennis Reed, Curriculum Coordinators Heather Rigatti, and Jennifer Beermuender

**Visitors:** Approximately 70

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**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

Board of Education Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Sophomore, Ava Loughlin, sang the National Anthem.

**Recognition Ceremonies:**

#### **A. Recognition of Haddam-Killingworth High School's Top Ten Students of the Class of 2023**

Superintendent Wihbey and Principal Hayward presented the Top Ten Students of the Class of 2023 as follows:

- No. 10: Julia Favalora
- No. 9: Paige Corcoran
- No. 8: Catherine Haas
- No. 7: Grace McKenzie
- No. 6: Caroline Conte
- No. 5: Laura Strick
- No. 4: Kaleigh Bodak
- No. 3: Sasha Berardino
- No. 2: Kristen Thebeau
- No. 1: Abigail Jones

#### **B. Recognition of District Retirees**

1. Patricia McCay - presented by Principal Eric Larson
2. Thomas Mrozowski - presented by Director John Mercier
3. Michael Reilly - presented by Principal Dennis Reed
4. Lorelei Casey - presented by Superintendent Wihbey

#### **C. Recognition of Staff Members of the Year**

1. BES Staff Member of the Year - Judith Devenney, presented by Principal Whidden
2. KES Staff Member of the Year - Jennifer Maio, presented by Principal Reed
3. HKHS Staff Member of the Year - Rosemary Schlosser, presented by Principal Hayward
4. HKMS Staff Member of the Year - Debra Cumpstone, presented by Interim Principal Harrison
5. HKIS Staff Member of the Year - Katie Gebert, presented by Principal Eric Larson
6. District Staff Member of the Year - Brianna Hill, presented by Superintendent Wihbey

#### **D. Recognition of District Teachers of the Year**

1. BES Teacher of the Year - Erin Edwards, presented by Principal Whidden
2. KES Teacher of the Year - Dana Kalksma, presented by Principal Reed
3. HKHS Teacher of the Year - Christine Ahearn, presented by Principal Hayward
4. HKMS Teacher of the Year - Kristin Porriello, presented by Interim Principal Harrison
5. HKIS/RSD 17 Teacher of the Year - Margaret Amaio, presented by Principal Larson

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joel D'Angelo, Secretary