

Regular Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
7:00 PM
Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main St.
2nd Floor, Community Mtg. Room

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Norm Ferron, Ms. Jennifer Hegedus, Ms. Susan Lannon, Ms. Kelly Martin, Mr. Jason Muscara, Mr. Kyle Napierata, Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams, and Mr. Christopher Viens.

Others

Present: Superintendent Robert Angeli, Assistant Superintendent Susan Nash-Ditzel, Ms. Christine Clark, Manager of Business Affairs, and Ms. Jennifer Thompson, Recording Secretary.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Ferron called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Please see above.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Kris Cicchetti, a Killingly parent and resident, spoke in favor of the SBHC. The alternatives should be in addition to the clinic.
Shannon Sylvestre, a Killingly parent and resident, spoke regarding code of ethics of the Board, and decision making.
Ed Grandelski, a Killingly resident, spoke regarding the KMS building project.
Cillian Young, a Killingly resident and former student, spoke in favor of the SBHC.
Heidi Driscoll, a Killingly resident, spoke in favor of the SBHC.
Misty Murdock, a Killingly parent and resident, spoke in favor of the SBHC.
Jenelle Provencher, a Killingly parent and resident, spoke in favor of the SBHC.

Motion made by Mr. Viens, and seconded by Ms. Lannon to extend public comment.
Motion carries: 6-1-1

Ivy Ross, a Killingly resident, spoke in favor of the SBHC.
Patti George, a Killingly resident, spoke about restorative practices.
Lori Hall, a Killingly parent and resident, spoke in favor of the SBHC.

4. **RECOGNITION OF VISTORS: Pupil Services Employee of the Month Linda Lewis**
Mr. Ferron read Ms. Lewis's nomination. Ms. Lewis is an Speech Language Pathologist Assistant at KCS. Ms. Lewis commented how much she loves working with our learners.

5. REPORT BY STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

Goodyear – Students are beginning the last trimester of their learning, and are looking forward to time outside to enhance their learning. Student growth is evident in many areas.

KIS – The school play will be posted on the website in May for all to view. Sports are well underway. SBAC testing has been going well, and students are putting forth their best effort. Student engagement committee members were mentioned.

KHS – Senior prom is Friday, April 29th, at Waters Edge in Old Saybrook. Seniors are encouraged to check Naviance for scholarships. Mamma Mia, the musical, is being performed next weekend (May 6 and 7). Please consider attending and supporting our students.

Motion made by Mr. Ferron and seconded by Ms. Martin to flip flop agenda items 6 and 7.

Motion carries: 8-0

Motion made by Mr. Viens, and seconded by Ms. Lannon to move items 10 and 11 after agenda item, Impact of Solar Panels for KPS.

Motion carries: 8-0

6. 9. OFFICE OF PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES PRESENTATION ON SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Ms. Kathleen Cote, Director of Pupil Services, presented on Social Emotional Learning. The presentation included what social emotional learning is, and what it is not. Emotional intelligence was explained as a synonym to SEL in the working world. The heart of social emotional is instilling each student has their own value. The principles of SEL are present in every caring, collaborative relationship and live in the partnerships between students, schools, families, and communities throughout history. Restorative Practices and how they connect to SEL were presented to the Board with a focus on connectiveness. SEL is a foundation that fosters the opportunity for Restorative Practices to be implemented daily.

The Board thanked Ms. Cote for coming tonight and making this presentation. Some Board members had concerns about the restorative practice model and what is being used at the high school and specific rooms at other schools.

- 7. 6. IMPACT OF SOLAR PANELS FOR KPS**, Adam Teff General Manager TitanGen Green Skies is the solar provider chosen for the project. Process to project savings was explained on an annual basis, and each building was reviewed. The KMS projected was removed due to the anticipated renovation. KCS solar panels needed to move to carport system due to roof weight concerns. Questions were asked why we are still paying so much to Eversource if we have all this solar energy. Mr. Teff answered the questions of the Board.

8. BOARD CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

No committee updates.

9. **10. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY CHECK AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022**

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus, and seconded by Mr. Napierata to approve March 2022 checks in this presentation one last time. Next time they will not be approved without more explanation.

Motion carries: 7-0-1

Much discussion was had regarding how to add additional information to the checks issued reports.

10. **7. DISCUSSION REGARDING A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER AT KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDING THE ONE-YEAR CONTRACT PROPOSAL**

Superintendent Angeli informed the Board regarding an option for those parents who wish to opt out of SBHC services. The comment was in reference to the medical aspects of SBHC. Behavioral/mental health services would allow access for students to be seen without consent. Generation funds the program by billing the parents' insurance, therefore; the goal is to have parental involvement at the first meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Viens, and seconded by Ms. Lannon to add an action item on the agenda for the SBHC.

Mr. Viens – Yes

Ms. Lannon – Yes

Mr. Napierata - No

Ms. Hedegdus- No

Mr. Muscara -No

Ms. Rivera - Abrams – No

Ms. Martin – No

Mr. Ferron – No

Motion fails: 2-6

11. **8. DISCUSSION REGARDING ALTERNATIVE AND/OR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT INITIATIVES RELATED TO SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER**

Mr. Angeli will put together an outline of pros and cons of the previously presented options including Rachel's Challenge and Telehealth, and it will be included in the Board packet before the next BOE meeting. The word "alternative" versus "in addition to" should be considered. Questions regarding the public hearing were asked and addressed.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- a. Monthly Financial Report for the Month of March 2022 – salaries and benefits are the main reason for the surplus at 76% . The Special Education outplacements remain steady while the substitute line item is higher than the budgeted amount.

- b. 2021-22FY 3rd Quarter Projected Expenditures and Projected Revenues Report – projected revenues are higher than anticipated and have been updated to reflect the change.
- c. 2022-23 Budget Update – On April 14th Public Hearing took place regarding Town Council and Board of Education proposed budgets. Town Council reduced the Board budget request down to \$1 over last year’s approved budget. (approx. \$600 decrease)
- d. Update on BLM Flier that was distributed at KIS – In the social studies curriculum, there is a focus on global studies, and they try to relate issues back to local issues for the students to help make connections. BLM flyer was intended to help students understand apartheid in South Africa. The use of the flyer has been addressed with the teacher. The Board raised questions regarding how items are approved, and if they go against policy, what is the consequence.
- e. Update on the Killingly Girl’s Basketball Team Photographed with a Non-Board Sanctioned Team Name -

Motion made by Mr. Muscara, and seconded by Ms. Lannon to table items 12.e, 13.a and 14 to the next meeting.

Motion carries: 6-2

13. CONSENT AGENDA

13.A April 13, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

13.B KHS Field Trip Request to Crystal lake Golf Club in Mapleville, RI for Junior Prom on May 13, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Muscara, and seconded by Ms. Hegedus to approve the field trip request as presented on the consent agenda.

Motion carries: 7-1

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus, and seconded by Mr. Napierata to adjourn.

Motion carries: 8-0

The Killingly Board of Education adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Thompson

Recording Secretary