

Regular Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
7:00 PM
Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main St.
2nd Floor, Community Mtg. Room

MINUTES

Present: Ms. Janice Joly, 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:** Ms. Joly called the meeting to order at 7p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Please see above.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Joly reminded those in the attendance there would be twenty minutes for other topics, twenty minutes for those speaking in favor of the clinic, and twenty minutes for those in opposition of the clinic.
 - Michael Morrill, Killingly Intermediate School teacher, spoke in favor of the School Based Health Clinic (SBHC).
 - Lisa Higgins, Killingly resident and teacher, spoke in favor of the SBHC.
 - Julianna Morrisette, Killingly High School (KHS) student, spoke in favor of the SBHC.
 - Sydney Zicolella, KHS student, spoke in favor of the SBHC.
 - Alyssah Yater, KHS student, spoke in favor of the SBHC.
 - Rhiannon Martin, KHS student, spoke in favor of the SBHC.
 - Mya Windrow, former KHS student, spoke in favor of the SBHC.

Motion made by Ms. Lannon and seconded by Mr. Viens to extend public comment.

Ms. Lannon thought it was owed to the public to hear their voices.

Motion fails: 2-6-1

- Dale Dauphinais, Killingly resident, came and spoke in opposition of the SBHC.
- Jasmine Berti, Killingly resident and parent, came and spoke in opposition of the SBHC.
- Jason Anderson, Killingly resident, came and spoke in opposition of the SBHC.
- Scott Heap, Killingly resident, came and spoke in opposition of the SBHC.
- Michelle Murphy, Killingly resident, came and spoke in opposition of the SBHC.

4. **BOARD CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Policy Committee elected a new chair.

First Reading of Revisions to Bylaw of the Board, #9325 Meetings, Meeting Conduct. Ms. Martin reviewed the changes to the existing policy. Board members asked when comments and suggested edits could be made, and it was said with the second reading.

5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE 2022-2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

This document is the Board's notification to the Town Council regarding major projects to be addressed over the next five years. Board members expressed concerns regarding projects not having a firm dollar amount. Additionally, questions were raised about ARP ESSER funds in the plan and when those funds expire. The Board discussed an edit to page 3 regarding the sports projects, and requested to remove the sentence regarding adoption of the turf field.

Motion made by Mr. Musacara, and seconded by Ms. Hegedus to approve 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan with the edit as discussed.

Motion carries: 7-1-1

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SUPERINTENDENT'S PERFORMANCE**

Motion made by Mr. Napierata and seconded by Mr. Viens to enter into executive session and invite the Superintendent to join them.

Motion carries: 9-0

The Board entered into executive session at 8:20 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 8: 57 p.m.

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO HIRE ANY PUBLIC RELATION FIRM**

Motion made by Mr. Napierata, and seconded by Ms. Hegedus to not hire any public relation firm.

Motion carries: 5-3 (Mr. Muscara not present for vote)

8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVISED 2022-23 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR**

Superintendent Angeli reviewed the revised 2022-23 district calendar. Due to the KMS renovation project, it is being recommended the start of school be pushed back until after Labor Day. He showed the changes in open houses, progress reports, and other important dates.

Motion made by Mr. Muscara, and seconded by Ms. Martin to adopted the revised 2022-23 school calendar as presented.

Motion carries: 9-0

9. 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF FY 2022-23 OPERATING BUDGET

Superintendent Angeli reminded the Board they need to submit their adopted budget to the Town by March 15, 2022. The Superintendent then reviewed the power point showing all the changes made to budget, leading to a 1.94% increase over the previous year. He is recommending the use of \$55,000 from non-lapsing funds for four budget items including fences, gates, KIS auditorium upgrade, and the bus scrapper. Ultimately, it's the Board's decision to use non-lapsing or surplus funds. The Board had concerns regarding pre-purchasing items.

Since the overall budget includes the decision packages, the Board would like to vote on the decision packages before voting on the overall budget.

Motion made by Mr. Muscara, and seconded by Ms. Hegedus to move decision packages to # 9 and overall budget to #10.

Motion Carries: 9-0

The Board asked about funding the decision packages for the school psychologist and .5 school counselor from available ESSER funds. Superintendent Angeli reminded the Board if they chose to use ESSER funds, then other projects earmarked for ESSER would need to be funded another way or not funded at all. The Board wants to fund the mental health positions now using ESSER. The HVAC system at KCS is slated to be upgraded with ESSER funds.

Motion made by Mr. Viens, and seconded by Ms. Lannon to approve decision package 10.1 (Business Assistant).

The Board discussed alternate options.

Motion fails: 1-8

Motion made by Mr. Muscara, and Ms. Lannon to approve decision package 10.2 (Girls Golf Coach).

Motion carries: 8-1

Motion made by Mr. Viens, and seconded by Ms. Lannon to approve decision package 10.3 (KMS Special Education Teacher).

The Board requested more information regarding caseloads and surrounding towns, and overall special education totals. They also discussed funding the position through ESSER to start.

Motion fails: 2-7

Motion made by Mr. Viens, and seconded by Ms. Lannon to approve decision package 10.4 (KCS Special Education Teacher).

The Board had the same discussion as package 10.3

Motion fails: 2-7

~~10.~~ 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF DECISION PACKAGES

Removal of three decision packages, changes the Board of Education total operating budget to \$45,644,997, or a 1.37% increase over last year's budget.

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus, and seconded by Ms. Martin to accept the operating budget at a 1.37% increase (\$45, 644,997).

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Muscara – Yes

Ms. Martin – Yes

Mr. Viens – No

Mr. Ferron – Yes

Ms. Lannon – No

Ms. Rivera-Abrams – No

Mr. Napierata – Yes

Ms. Hegedus – Yes

Ms. Joly – No

Motion carries: 5-4

Ms. Martin made a request for a two-minute recess.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE JANUARY 2022 ISSUED CHECKS

Ms. Joly explained questions and supporting documents were given to the attorney for review, and she has not received an answer. Check issued to Eversource prompted request for solar information by Ms. Rivera- Abrams. The Superintendent explained electric bills need to be analyzed by solar company prior to a presentation to the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Muscara, and seconded by Ms. Martin to postpone until clarification received from the attorney.

Motion carries: 8-0-1

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- 12.A February 23, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes
- 12.B March 1, 2022 Student Enrollment
- 12.C Employee of the Month Nominee
- 12.D KHS Field Trip Request to Nichols College in Dudley, MA
- 12.E KHS Music Dept. Overnight Field Trip Request for Six Students to the CT All-State Festival

Ms. Rivera-Abrams pulled 12.A February 23, 2022, minutes for edits.

Motion made by Mr. Muscara, and seconded by Mr. Viens to approve 12.B-12.E as presented.

Motion carries: 9-0

Motion made by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, and seconded by Ms. Hegedus to approve item 12.A with edit (Superintendent responded “no” to bullet #2 in 10.A, February 23 minutes).

Motion carries: 8-0-1

13. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

- A. **Approval of Flyers** – The Superintendent reviewed the flyer policy with the Board, and explained how he receives flyers. Superintendent said he did not see the flyer that is being discussed. The policy has been reviewed with the administrative team. What rubric is used to approve or not? Superintendent Angeli explained. The policy committee will review this.
- B. **KMS Renovation Project** – Superintendent Angeli thanked the Board for adopting the revised calendar earlier in the meeting. He explained to the Board there is a potential change in how students will access building during renovation. The change would require turning the gym into moveable classrooms. This is not ideal, so 79 Westfield Ave will be used as swing space. The Board had questions about school culture, and how the grade housed in Westfield Ave. will be included in school activities and assemblies. Ms. Rivera-Abrams reminded everyone how they were told three years ago that Westfield Ave. wouldn’t be needed.
- C. **Update on KIS Music Festival to Six Flags** – The Superintendent informed the Board the trip has moved from May 6th to May 13th.
- D. **Update on School-Based Health Center Initiative** – Superintendent Angeli reminded the Board of the updated contract/plan in their packet for review.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carries: 9-0

The Killingly Board of Education adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Thompson

Recording Secretary