

Regular Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, April 7, 2021
7:00 PM
Town Hall, 172 Main Street

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Greg Biggs, Mr. Doug Farrow, Ms. Janice Joly, Mr. Jason Muscara,
Mr. Kyle Napierata, Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams.

Via Zoom: Mr. Norm Ferron, Ms. Hoween Flexer and Mr. Chris Viens (7:19).
Student Board members: Grace Gilman and Madelyn Sumner.

Others Present: Superintendent, Mr. Robert Angeli, Asst. Superintendent, Mr. Paul Brenton,
Ms. Keely Doyle, Recording Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER- Mr. Doug Farrow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL-see above

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT-No comments

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abram to move this agenda
item to later in the meeting until Mr. Jason Anderson arrives.
Unanimous - Motion Carries

6. REPORT BY KILLINGLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Madelyn Sumner, and Grace Gilman shared news about events taking place in the district among the schools. At KCS, students took a virtual field trip to the San Diego Zoo. KMS 2nd grade students participated in a Zoom presentation with Master Ken and learned how to channel feelings through movements of their body. At KIS, tryouts for baseball, softball and track began. Juniors at KHS will be taking SATs on April 13th. The KHS robotics team won the Southern New England Robotics Championship. A large group of students in Choir got accepted into the Connecticut All-State Choir.

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR UPDATE

Mr. Doug Farrow shared that Cindy Morse, KHS P.E and Health Teacher, was chosen as Unified Sports Coach of the Year. Ms. Morse has been involved with unified sports for 29 years. Mr. Farrow also gave a shout-out to the girls KHS basketball team for winning the ECC Championship.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

8.A. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Angeli shared that there have been changes in protocols regarding COVID-19 recommended requirements. CDC recommendations and process for identifying close contacts was redefined. Assigned classroom seating helps to identify students who may come within 6ft of another student or teacher for at least 15 minutes in a 24 hour who test positive.

8.A.1. Vaccination Clinic for Students

The district is hoping to create a partnership with DKH and NDDH in facilitating a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for students 16 years of age and older. Most likely it will be the Pfizer vaccine. The best process for acquiring parental permission for student vaccination is being determined.

8.B. Budget Hearing- The superintendent reminded Board members of the budget hearing tomorrow evening. Logging-in begins at 6:00 p.m. but the budget hearing does not begin until 7:00.

8.C. Board Representative for the Scholarship Committee- Ms. Flexer and Mr. Muscara expressed interest in serving on the scholarship committee.

8.D. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Use of Non-Lapsing Funds for New Generator at the KPS Westfield Avenue Building.

At the June 24, 2020 Board meeting, a motion was approved, unanimously, to use of the non-lapsing account, up to \$100,000 for installation of a generator at Central Office. The request for an additional \$30,000 is needed due to meeting prevailing wages, increased copper cost, and a cost increase for a bigger generator that can properly handle additional loads of refrigeration units.

MOTION: by Mr. Muscara, seconded by Ms. Flexer to approve the use of the Non-Lapsing account, up to \$130,000 for the purchase and installation of a generator at Central Office.

MOTION: by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, seconded by Mr. Biggs to amend the motion to allow up to \$30,000 more from the Non-Lapsing account to go towards the purchase and installation of a generator at Central Office.

Roll Call Vote

Unanimous - Motion Carries

MOTION: by Mr. Muscara, seconded by Ms. Flexer to approve the use of the Non-Lapsing account, up to an additional \$30,000 for the purchase and installation of a generator at Central Office. (total \$130,000)

Roll Call Vote

Unanimous - Motion Carries

5. REPORT OF TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON

Mr. Jason Anderson shared that the Town Council determined dates and times for public town meetings and for the budget machine vote. Town Council members, and those sitting on

commissions for ten years or more were honored. Town Council would like to see more detailed information in the Board of Education budget presentations, showing more of a break-down. Town Council approved salary increases for the town's contractual employees.

9. BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.A. Curriculum Sub-Committee

Mr. Greg Biggs shared that the subcommittee has not met since the last meeting.

9.B. Facilities Sub-Committee

Kyle Napierata shared that members of the subcommittee met on Monday. Town Manager, Mary Calorio and Killingly Parks and Recreation Director, Tracy Mason attended the meeting and shared why they thought the tennis courts at 79 Westfield Ave, should be turned over to the Parks and Recreation department. Subcommittee members support this request.

9.B.1. Discussion and Possible Approval Regarding 79 Westfield Ave. Tennis Courts Transitioning to the Town's Parks and Recreation Department.

MOTION: by, Mr. Napierata, seconded by Mr. Muscara to allow the Town's Parks and Recreation Department to take over the tennis court area at 79 Westfield Ave.

Unanimous - Motion Carries

9.C. Fiscal Sub-Committee

Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams shared that the next Fiscal subcommittee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13 at 5:00. Mr. Angeli said that he would explore options of subcommittee members participating via zoom.

9.D. Policy Sub-Committee

9.D.1. Second Reading of Policy #3516.5, Business/Non-Instructional Operations-Safety-Sexual Offenders on School Property

MOTION: by Mr. Muscara, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve the Second Reading of Policy #3516.5, Business/Non-Instructional Operations-Safety- Sexual Offenders on School Property

Unanimous - Motion Carries

9.D.2. Second Reading of Policy# 4000.1/5145.44, Personnel-Certified/Non-Certified- Students, Title IX

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Muscara to approve the Second Reading of Policy Students, Title IX # 4000.1/5145.44, Personnel-Certified/Non- Certified

Unanimous - Motion Carries

9.E. Personnel Sub-Committee

Mr. Doug Farrow shared that the next paraprofessional negotiations meeting will be on Tuesday, April 27, via Zoom.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to approve consent items;
10.a. March 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
10.b. March 24, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
10.c. April 2021 Student Enrollment
10.d. April 2021 Employee of the Month Nominee
Yes- 8
Abstain -1
Motion Carries

11. Executive Session for Discussion of Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Mr. Napierata to enter into Executive Session for Discussion of Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher.
Unanimous - Motion Carries

The Board entered executive session at 8:24 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:52 and resumed the meeting.

12. Possible Action Regarding Non-Renewal of Teacher for the 2021-22 School Year

MOTION: by Mr. Muscara seconded by Mr. Biggs that the contract of employment of Nicholas Bousquet not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2020-21 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such persons(s) in writing on this action.
Roll Call Vote
Unanimous - Motion Carries

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Ms. Flexer to adjourn 8:54 p.m.
Unanimous - Motion Carries

Respectfully submitted by,
Keely Doyle
Recording Secretary