

Regular Meeting
KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, June 22, 2022
7:00 PM
Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main St.
2nd Floor, Community Mtg. Room

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Norm Ferron, Ms. Laura Dombkowski, 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, 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. **INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2022-23**
Ms. Martin explained the interview process, and then introduced the students: Connor Thompson (senior), Julie Carver (junior), and Melody Kettle (junior.) The students stood in the audience to be recognized. They will begin on the Board in September.
4. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
June Employee of the Month David Blain from the transportation department was recognized. Mr. Ferron read the proclamation for the record.
5. **TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**
Ms. George discussed proclamations and commission appointments. She explained how the Town Manager has been authorized to spend ESSER funds. The new recreation director was introduced, Mr. Matthew "Bucky" LaBosche. Town Council attorney provided a workshop on Robert's Rules and Council conduct. It was asked if people could serve on one or more board/commissions.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Patrice Rodgers, Killingly High School staff member, spoke about the SBHC, the Board coming to visit the HS, and the Board's mission.

Motion made by Mr. Viens and seconded by Ms. Lannon to let Ms. Rodgers speak past 5 minutes since she is the only speaker.
Motion carries: 9-0

Ms. Rodgers continued to speak and referenced information from the Surgeon General. She provided hand-outs to the Board as well.

Ms. Hegedus spoke regarding public comment and provided her response to past events.

7. TRANSPORTATION DEPT. REPORT TO THE BOARD

Transportation Supervisor, Mr. Joseph Boulanger presented to the Board. He highlighted the changes made in the department including parent communications, route consolidation, GPS live maps for drivers and parents, and an emphasis on team building for the department. He thanked the entire department for their help and hard work this year. He then addressed staffing changes within the department. The Board thanked Mr. Boulanger for his hard work to rebuild the department. Ms. Rivera-Abrams asked about the size of the bus on Mason Hill especially in the winter. It was asked about the snow removal device being requested. Mr. Boulanger explained the purpose of the device.

8. BOARD CHAIR AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

- A. Facilities Committee – The elevator projects at Central Office and KIS are on track and on budget.

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve up to \$90,000 to complete the Gas Line Project at KHS and KCS.

The project has been delayed. If this project isn't completed, we will need to use oil vs. natural gas. It was explained that the Board did not pre-purchase oil for the 2022-23 school year or budget for oil because of the project. If oil is needed, it would be at the market value.

Motion made by Mr. Muscara and seconded by Ms. Martin to approve up to \$90,000 coming from the non-lapsing account to complete the gas line project at KHS and KCS.

Motion carries: 8-1

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve up to \$30,000 to replace carpet and tile in the KIS Chorus room

Due to tripping hazards, these need to be replaced.

Motion made by Ms. Lannon and seconded by Ms. Martin to approve up to \$30,000 from the non-lapsing account to replace carpet and tile in the KIS Chorus Room.

Motion carries: 8-1

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve up to \$75,000 to Replace tiles in two art rooms at KIS.

Motion made by Ms. Martin and seconded by Mr. Viens to approve up to \$75,000 to replace tiles in two art rooms at KIS and take the monies from the non-lapsing account.

Motion carries: 8-1

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve up to \$116,000 to replace bleachers at KMS.

Motion made by Mr. Napierata and seconded by Ms. Martin to approve up to \$116,000 from the non-lapsing fund to replace bleachers at KMS.

Motion carries: 8-1

5. Discussion and Possible Action to approve up to \$30,000 to purchase a school bus snow scaper.

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Ms. Lannon to approve up to \$30,000 to purchase a school bus snow scraper and take the money from the non-lapsing account.

Motion carries: 9-0

B. Policy Committee

A. 9325

Ms. Martin reviewed the changes. The Board discussed virtual comments and the purpose of the changes. Alternatives were suggested to length of time, responding to emails, and questions asked from the public. Ms. Martin asked Ms. Rivera-Abrams to email her requesting the subcommittee review the potential to add public comment via email.

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Ms. Rivera Abrams to adopt this bylaw with the changes that are made in the second reading.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Hegedus - yes

Mr. Muscara - no

Ms. Rivera-Abrams - yes

Ms. Dombkowski - yes

Ms. Martin - yes

Mr. Viens - no

Ms. Lannon - no

Mr. Napierata - yes

Mr. Ferron - yes

Motion carries: 6-3

B. 6141.51

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Ms. Martin to accept the 8.B Advanced Courses or Programs, Eligibility Criteria for Enrollment with the changes that were made on it.

Motion carries: 8-0 (Mr. Muscara not present for vote)

C. 6141.52

Motion made by Ms. Martin and seconded by Mr. Napierata to adopt Challenging Curriculum, Criteria for Identification of Eligible Grades 8 & 9 Students, Policy 6141.52.

Motion carries: 9-0

D. 6172.1

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Mr. Napierata to adopt the language on the second reading of the Gifted and Talented Students Program (6172.1).

The Board had discussion about the word "Program" in the title, and if that meant a Gifted and Talented Program needed to be offered. Wording in the policy was read stating a program did not need to be offered.

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Mr. Napierata to amend the motion to strike the word Program from the title.

Motion carries: 9-0

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Mr. Napierata to adopt the language on the second reading for the Gifted and Talented Students (6172.1)

Motion carries: 9-0

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- A.** Financial report for May 2022- looking at approx. 2.5 million surplus. Excess cost monies will be retained by the town.
- B.** KMS renovation project update - The State has moved forward with phase 2 so we can continue to go out to bid for materials. The Superintendent shared an updated budget and changes to the project. The Board expressed their displeasure in the amount of reductions. Much discussion was had regarding options and steps forward. An emergency meeting between the Board of Education, Permanent Building Commission, and Town Council to discuss the project was requested.

10. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY CHECK AUTHORIZATION

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Ms. Rivera-Abrams to approve the May check authorizations.

Motion carries: 9-0

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING 2022-2023 WHITSONS CONTRACT RENEWAL

Board approval is not needed on the new contract. Three companies did the walk through, two submitted bids, and of those two, only one submitted a complete bid. Changes made in the contract were reviewed with the Board. There will be no impact on meal cost for next year. Superintendent Angeli made it clear that meals will NOT be free next year.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE NON-LAPSING ACCOUNT CAP

Mr. Ferron would like to make a request of the Town Council to increase the cap on the Non-Lapsing Account. This request would help with high inflation rates, and prevent a supplemental appropriation. Mr. Ferron was looking to raise the cap to \$2.5M. The Board discussed how to proceed. Ms. Rivera-Abrams expressed her disapproval of the request to increase the cap.

Motion made Mr. Muscara and seconded by Mr. Napierata to authorize the Superintendent to send a letter to the Town Council requesting the Non-Lapsing Account be replenished up to the \$2M, and an additional request to increase the cap and transfer additional money up to the new cap of \$2.5M.

Motion carries: 8-1

13. CONSENT AGENDA

13.A KCP Field Trip Request to Aero Trampoline, Woonsocket, RI

13.B June 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Rivera-Abrams asked to pull 13.A.

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Ms. Martin to approve item 13.B (June 8 Board Minutes) as presented.

Motion carries: 6-0-3

Ms. Rivera-Abrams had questions regarding the sticky note on the request.

Motion made by Ms. Hegedus and seconded by Mr. Ferron to approve item 13.A (Field trip request to Aero Trampoline).

Motion carries: 9-0

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A VENDOR CHANGE PROPOSAL

Motion made by Ms. Martin and seconded by Mr. Napierata to enter executive session.

Motion carries: 9-0

The Killingly Board of Education entered into executive session at 10:03 p.m.

The Killingly Board of Education came out of executive session at 11:20 p.m.

15. POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A VENDOR CHANGE PROPOSAL

Motion made by Ms. Martin and seconded by Ms. Hegedus that the Board change their Board attorney and keep limited representation with Shipman and Goodwin, their current attorney.

Motion carries: 6-3

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Muscara and seconded by Ms. Martin to adjourn.

Motion carries: 9-0

The Killingly Board of Education adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Thompson

Recording Secretary