

## **Regular Meeting**

### **KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

Central Office, 79 Westfield Ave.

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Mr. John Burns, Mr. Greg Biggs, Mr. Jeffrey Buchbinder, Mr. Doug Farrow, Ms. Hoween Flexer, Mr. Craig Hanford, Ms. Lydia Rivera-Abrams, Mr. Christopher Viens, Student Board Member, Terren Allen.  
Absent with Notification: Dr. Diane Summa, Student Board member, Bryce Bentinck,

**Others Present:** Superintendent, Mr. Steven Rioux, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Paul Brenton Keely Doyle, Recording Secretary.

**1. Call to Order-** Killingly Board of Education Chairperson, Mr. John Burns called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call-**see above.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Comments-** No public comments.

### **5. Employee of the Month Recognition**

Rhonda Alemian, special education, instructional assistant at Killingly Intermediate Schools was recognized by the Board as March 2018 employee of the month. Rhonda was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

### **6. Killingly Intermediate School Report**

Ms. Heather Taylor, principal at Killingly Intermediate School gave a presentation on Student-Led Conferences (SLC). Ms. Taylor introduced the concept of Student Led Conferences to the Board two years ago. The Board gave their support to implement a new style of parent/teacher/student conferences by approving a modified schedule for one day at KIS. A modified schedule allows the time needed, for such an initiative. Student Led Conferences took place on March 15th. Objectives of SLC empower the students to take responsibility and accountability of their academic progress. SLC also allows students self-reflection and self-evaluation. Students create portfolios of their work and showcase their progress in front of their teachers and parents. Portfolios drive the process of the student becoming a reflective learner. Students, parents and teachers engage in conversation thus promoting teacher/parent relationships. Staff made great effort getting parents to attend. As a result of these efforts, parent/guardian attendance rates greatly increased. Teacher, parent, and student surveys will be analyzed by the SLC committee. Ms.

Taylor and her staff will continue their efforts to improve portfolio design, time management and building more of a culture for students as reflective learners.

## **7. Discussion and Possible Action for the Killingly Memorial School Window Replacement Project**

Official plans of the KMS Window Replacement project have been drawn up by architects. Mr. Rioux gave Board members the opportunity to review the architectural plans.

Signatures are required by all five agencies for the State Board to consider approval. A Board motion is needed before the project is proposed and presented in Hartford, on May 8th.

The cost of the KMS window replacement project is \$2,960,794. There is a 10% contingency in the amount of \$260,981. Once approved the project can be put out to bid.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Viens, seconded by Ms. Flexer that the Killingly Board of Education approves plans, specifications, and cost estimate for the Killingly Memorial School Window Replacement Project, State Project No. 069-0066EC as presented.

**8-Yes, Unanimous**  
**Motion Passes**

## **8. Discussion and Possible Action on FY 2018-19 Budget**

Superintendent, Steven Rioux presented to the Board, his recommendations for budget reductions.

Imposed by Town Council, was a reduction of \$338,916. The original Board of Education proposed budget on 3/14/18 was \$44,023,867, equivalent to a 1.91% increase over last year's budget. The new proposed budget is \$43,684,951, equivalent to a 1.13% increase over last year's budget. The following are the superintendent's proposed line item reductions equaling \$338,916.

Line Item adjustment reductions=\$117,379. This includes changes to: summer school, KCS/KMS intervention, STAR assessments, IT contracted services, utilities, and paraprofessional salary. Some of these changes would be deferred into the Alliance grant.

Pre-purchasing of supplies and equipment reductions=\$137,693

Overall reductions=\$83,844. This includes reductions to I.I pro-tech services, I.T pro-tech services, reduce KHS Business and Physics teacher positions to 0.5 FTE, (only temporarily), KHS instructional supplies, O&M Temporary staff, O&M repair and maintenance.

**MOTION:** by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to approve the Superintendent's recommended reductions as presented, equaling \$338,916, and a revised proposed FY 18-19 Board of Education budget in the amount of \$43,684,951.

**8-Yes, Unanimous,**  
**Motion Passes**

## **9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Buchbinder to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

**8-Yes, Unanimous**  
**Motion Passes**

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Keely Doyle,*  
Recording Secretary