

Special Meeting

KILLINGLY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

7:00 PM

Town Hall, 172 Main St.

Please Note: The meeting will be streamed on Channel 22

MINUTES

Present via Zoom Platform: Greg Biggs, Norm Ferron, Hoween Flexer, Janice Joly, Jason Muscara, Kyle Napierata, Lydia Rivera-Abrams, and Mr. Doug Farrow.
Absent with Notification: Chris Viens.

Others Present

via Zoom Platform: Superintendent Steve Rioux, Assistant Superintendent, Paul Brenton.
Guests: Mr. Kevin Marcoux, Ms. Erica Ponciano and Jay Gerum.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Killingly Board of Education Chairman, Mr. Doug Farrow called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL-see above

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One comment from a family related to AP science, some misinformation was miscommunicated, Mr. Rioux addressed the misunderstanding. Mr. Rioux explained the rules related to public comments. Mr. Rioux explained how to access streaming on channel 22 through the website.

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding KHS Turf Field Project

4.A – Additional Insights on Turf Field Management and Discussion

Mr. Rioux introduced Mr. Jason Gerum (Woodstock Academy Facilities Director), Mr. Kevin Marcoux (KPS Athletic Director) and Ms. Erica Ponciano (KPS teacher and Field Hockey Coach) to present on the turf field.

Questions by Ms. Joly.

1. Related to cooling- How is this done?
This has only been done once, we used a boom sprayer on a tractor.
2. You spoke of renting the field out, how does this impact the warranty?
It does not.
3. Did you use the same company?

Yes, both I believe both fields used the same company Killingly is using.

Question on safety from Ms. Flexer.

Mr. Marcoux answered about safety and warranty. Mr. Rioux answered on injuries.

Questions on warranty from Mr. Biggs.

Mr. Marcoux spoke to what would void the warranty.

Question from Mr. Napierata - Why is there not a bid process?

Answer by Mr. Rioux- CREC authorizes companies who are put on a state consortium bid list. We utilize the state bid list to ensure that the process is adequate. It would be cost prohibitive to do it any other way.

Question from Mr. Muscara - If we do install the turf field can you 100% guarantee we will no longer play games at Westfield Avenue?

Answer: Yes 100% guaranteed.

Question from Mr. Ferron - Cost of field use?

Answer by Mr. Rioux- field use includes additional costs in Killingly.

Question from Mrs. Rivera Abrams-

Has Mr. Marcoux seen the capital improvement plans?

Answer, no.

Further presentation by Erika Ponciano- Spoke to field hockey and safety of the field.

Question on the financing by Mrs. Flexer.

Answer by Mr. Rioux- If we were to utilize surplus money the donation would cover the remainder of the funds. We would adjust next year's budget to accommodate the cost.

Question from Ms. Rivera-Abrams on how money is dispersed.

Answered by Mr. Rioux

Question by Ms. Rivera-Abrams on if a consortium has been created

Answered by Mr. Marcoux.

Question by Mr. Biggs on Title 9 complaints

Answered by Mr. Rioux.

Question by Ms. Flexer regarding the cost of Title IX complaint.

Answer by Mr. Rioux- it is in excess of \$10,000.

MOTION: by Mr. Biggs, seconded by Ms. Flexer to to allocate \$500,000 from the 2019-2020 budget surplus for the construction of a turf field at Killingly High School”

Mr. Biggs and Mr. Farrow shared they are in favor of the turf field project. Ms. Rivera Abrams shared her concerns about prioritizing the turf field over capital improvement projects. Ms. Flexer responded to comments of Ms. Rivera-Abrams and discussed the capital improvement plan and how funds are allocated. Ms. Rivera-Abrams responded to comments on the issue.

Ms. Flexer asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call vote:

Yes- Mr. Biggs, Ms. Flexer, Mr. Ferron, Mr. Muscara, Ms. Joly and Mr. Farrow.

No- Ms. Rivera-Abrams

Abstain- Mr. Napierata

Motion Carries

5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding GECC and KMS Solar projects.

5.A – Solar Project Presentation

Mr. Rioux discussed why the district is walking away from a solar project at GECC, and discussed the possibilities of additional solar panels at KMS.

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Biggs to amend the KMS solar project to the new specifications.

Discussion took place on the motion.

Yes-8

Motion carries

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding FY 21 Budget

The FY21 Budget was passed with a \$910,556 reduction.

MOTION: by Ms. Rivera-Abrams, seconded by Ms. Joly to approve the FY21 BOE budget as presented. (\$44,147,274)

Yes- 7

No-1

Motion carries

7. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Communication Concerning Superintendent's Resignation, Hiring of Interim Superintendent and Search for New Superintendent

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Mr. Muscara to go into executive session

Yes-8

Motion carries

The Board resumed the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Interim Superintendent Position

No discussion and no action.

9. Adjourn

MOTION: by Ms. Flexer, seconded by Ms. Joly to adjourn.

Unanimous

Motion Carries

The June 3, 2020 Board of Education Special Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

PMB/krd