

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - EDUCATION SESSION MINUTES
June 21, 2022

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 21, 2022, in the Board Room of the Central Office. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

Members Present: *Dr. Joel D'Angelo, Jennifer Favalora, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Peter Sonski, Dr. Kathleen Zandi, and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *Brenda Buzzi, Lisa Connelly, Shawna Goldfarb, Hamish MacPhail and Corey Roberts,*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Jeffrey Wihbey and Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay-Stevens*

Visitors: *1*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Public Comment: *None.*

*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to move item 4A on the Agenda Under Old Business to 5B under New Business.*

Motion passed unanimously by Way of Show of Hands.

*Board Vice-Chair, Favalora, and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion to add Item 3A1, Facilities Subcommittee Report to the Agenda under New Business.*

Motion passed unanimously by Way of Show of Hands.

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings:

A. Finance Subcommittee

Peter Sonski updated the Board on the work of the Finance Subcommittee.

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B. Policy Subcommittee

Dr. Nelson Rivera updated the Board on the work of the Policy Subcommittee.

C. Haddam Board of Selectmen

Board Vice-Chair, Favalora, updated the Board on the Haddam Board of Selectmen.

D. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

Dr. Kathleen Zandi updated the Board on the Killingworth Selectmen.

Old Business:

A. Policy 6148- Policy for the Equitable Identification of Gifted and Talented Students - Second read for approval:

Dr. Nelson Rivera presented Policy 6148 to the Board.

*Board Vice-Chair, Favalora, **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve Policy 6148 - Policy for the Equitable Identification of Gifted and Talented Students*

Motion unanimously passed 6-0-0 from the following Voice Votes:

Dr. Kathleen Zandi	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___	Shawna Goldfarb	Absent					
Peter Sonski	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___	Jennifer Favalora	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___
Lisa Connelly	Absent						Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___
Dr. Joel D'Angelo	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___	Hamish MacPhail	Absent					
Brenda Buzzi	Absent						Corey Roberts	Absent					
							Suzanne Sack	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___

B. Discussion on Board Approved Positions:

Superintendent Wihbey presented, and the Board discussed, the Board-Approved Positions of the Special Education Elementary Coordinator and the Middle School Assistant Principal.

New Business:

A. Year-end General Fund Balance - Consideration for Purchases:

Superintendent Wihbey presented a list of Prioritized Purchases using the Year-End Fund Balance of the General Fund.

*Dr. Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Peter Sonski **SECONDED** a motion to approve the purchase of not to exceed \$215,000.00 from the Year-End Fund balance for priority list numbers: 1, 3-8, 10-11*

Motion unanimously passed 6-0-0 from the following voice votes:

Dr. Kathleen Zandi	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___	Shawna Goldfarb	Absent					
Peter Sonski	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___	Jennifer Favalora	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___
Lisa Connelly	Absent						Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES	✓	NO	___	A	___

Dr. Joel D'Angelo YES ☒ NO ☐ A ☐
Brenda Buzzi Absent

Hamish MacPhail Absent
Corey Roberts Absent
Suzanne Sack YES ☒ NO ☐ A ☐

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the purchase of priority list number 2 (Bobcat ToolCat) for \$76,150.00 from the Capital Fund.*

Motion unanimously passed 6-0-0 from the following Voice Votes:

Dr. Kathleen Zandi YES ☒ NO ☐ A ☐
Peter Sonski YES ☒ NO ☐ A ☐
Lisa Connelly Absent
Dr. Joel D'Angelo YES ☒ NO ☐ A ☐
Brenda Buzzi Absent

Shawna Goldfarb Absent
Jennifer Favalora YES ☒ NO ☐ A ☐
Dr. Nelson Rivera YES ☒ NO ☐ A ☐
Hamish MacPhail Absent
Corey Roberts Absent
Suzanne Sack YES ☒ NO ☐ A ☐

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Dr. Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter and Contract Negotiations*

Motion passed unanimously by Way of Show of Hands.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.

Old Business:

A. Superintendent's Year-End Evaluation:

The Board discussed a Personnel Matter.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:36 p.m.

Adjournment:

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joel D'Angelo
Board Secretary*