



REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
Date: February 25, 2025

The Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education meeting was in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Community Room on February 25, 2025.

Board Member Attendance:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Joseph Centofanti	X		Dr. Nelson Rivera	X	
Sonja Charpentier	X		Corey Roberts		X
Lisa Connelly	X		Suzanne Sack	X	
Jennifer Favalora	X		Jennifer Voegtli	X	
Shawna Goldfarb	X		Dr. Kathleen Zandi	X	
Heather Pach	X				

Also Present Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Wihbey, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Miller, Director of Finance and Operations Alison Pierce, Director of Student Services Dr. Aaron Puzarne, Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser, Curriculum Coordinators Jennifer Beermuender and Heather Rigatti, Principal Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal Adam Apicella, Athletic Director Lynne Flint, Special Education Coordinator Tonya Gorgone, Elementary Coordinator Rebekah Templeton

Visitors: 3

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited at the Superintendent's presentation meeting before this meeting.

Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2025-2026

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Proposed 2025-2026 Budget.

Assistant Superintendent Miller started the presentation by providing the Board with information on staffing objectives.

Director of Student Services Dr. Aaron Puzarne, Elementary Coordinator Rebekah Templeton, and Special Education Coordinator Tonya Gorgone discussed the proposed Special Education/Student Services budget with the Board.

Principal Hayward presented the primary proposed budget drivers for the high school to the Board and highlighted several accomplishments. The high school discussed budget requests related to legislative mandates, equipment replacement, learning needs, and budget funds to maintain current programs. Principal Hayward reviewed the Board's inquiries on various line items and answered questions from the Board.

Principal Hayward, Assistant Principal Apicella, Director Flint, Curriculum Coordinators Rigatti and Beermuender, and Student Services Coordinators Templeton and Gorgone left the meeting at 8:37 pm.

The Board discussed the upcoming workshop process. The next Budget Workshop is scheduled for March 4, 2025.

Adjournment

Board Chair Sack adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Dr. Kathleen Zandi, Board Secretary