



**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
ANNUAL HEARING  
May 22, 2025**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 22, 2025, in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Community Room.

**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:** Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Miller, Director of Finance and Operations Alison Pierce, Director of Student Services Dr. Aaron Puzarne, and Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser

**Visitors:** 10

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Presentation of the 2025-2026 Board of Education Annual Budget**

Board Chair Sack presented the Board of Education Annual Budget for the Regional School District No. 17 for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

**Community Input Regarding the 2025-2026 Board of Education Annual Budget**

Nancy Gorski of Killingworth addressed the Board regarding the budget. She discussed budget comparisons and the impact on the taxpayers.

Eileen Blewett of Killingworth addressed the Board regarding the budget. She discussed clarification on information budget items.

Eileen Unger of Killingworth addressed the Board regarding the budget. She discussed the impact of the district, staffing costs, and the need for fiscal planning.

Catherine Iino of Killingworth addressed the Board regarding the budget. She emphasized the need for more communication and information sharing.

Matt Nunzianto of Killingworth addressed the Board regarding the budget. He discussed the impact of the budget increase on taxpayers, the cost of building repairs compared to other districts, and staffing costs.

Annie Stirna of Killingworth addressed the Board regarding the budget. She discussed the Reading, Writing, and Math scores, as well as the programs and interventionists in place to support student outcomes.

### **Adjournment**

Board Chair Sack adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser  
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Kathleen Zandi, Board Secretary