



REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2025

A special 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: 4

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the previous meeting.

Review of the Input from the Annual Hearing and Possible Budget Modification

The Board reviewed the budget and meeting information discussed at the Annual Hearing.

Board of Education Adopts the 2025-2026 Budget for the Annual Meeting

Shawna Goldfarb **MOVED** and Lisa Connelly **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a budget in the amount of \$51,798,789 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, to be brought to the Annual Meeting on June 5, 2025.

Motion passed from the following roll call votes 6-3-0

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Joseph Centofanti	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Dr. Nelson Rivera	☐ YES X NO ☐ A
Sonja Charpentier	ABSENT	Corey Roberts	ABSENT
Lisa Connelly	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Jennifer Voegtli	☐ YES X NO ☐ A
Jennifer Favalora	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Dr. Kathleen Zandi	☐ YES X NO ☐ A
Shawna Goldfarb	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Suzanne Sack	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A
Heather Pach	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A		

Approval of the Legal Call

Dr. Nelson Rivera **MOVED** and Lisa Connelly **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Legal call for the June 5, 2025 Annual Meeting as follows:

A meeting of Regional School District No. 17 of the State of Connecticut, whose member towns are the towns of Haddam and Killingworth, will be held at Haddam-Killingworth High School in the Community Room, on June 05, 2025, at 6:30 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education gross budget of \$ 51,798,789 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

The meeting will be adjourned to a yes/no vote on the budget, which will take place on the voting machines in each of the member towns on the day following the district meeting; therefore, the vote on voting machines will take place on June 06, 2025.

2. To set the voting hours of the referendum vote on the budget for the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM pursuant to Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 94-245 and 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

A copy of the proposed budget recommended for adoption by the district Board of Education is on file and available for inspection and copies are available for distribution upon request at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 57 Little City Road, Higganum, CT, posted on the RSD17 District Website and at the offices of the town clerks of Haddam and Killingworth.

Motion passed from the following roll call votes 8-1-0

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Joseph Centofanti	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Dr. Nelson Rivera	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A

Sonja Charpentier	ABSENT	Corey Roberts	ABSENT
Lisa Connelly	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Jennifer Voegtli	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A
Jennifer Favalora	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Dr. Kathleen Zandi	☐ YES X NO ☐ A
Shawna Goldfarb	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Suzanne Sack	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A
Heather Pach	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A		

Adjournment

Board Chair Sack adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

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