

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
August 27, 2020**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on August 27, 2020 via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Members Present: *Brenda Buzzi (Arrived at 6:04 PM), Kathleen Zandi (Arrived 6:05 PM), Peter Sonski, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Jennifer Favalora, Eileen Blewett, Prem Aithal, Joanne Nesti, and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *Joel D’Angelo & Shawna Goldfarb*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Operations, John Mercier, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Review and Approval of COVID-19 Policy Addendum:

The Board had discussion about the temporary amendments relating to Covid-19 that were put in place by Shipman and Goodwin affecting certain pre-existing policies. Superintendent Dr. Hageman will be communicating to parents via School Messenger about the Covid-19 Policy Addendum.

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Covid-19 Policy Addendum as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0 by the following Voice Votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Shawna Goldfarb	Absent
Peter Sonski	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Favalora	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Nelson Rivera	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joel D’Angelo	Absent
Eileen Blewett	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Buzzi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Prem Aithal	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>		

Board Discussion on Out of District Request for Student Attendees at RSD 17*:

The Board had discussion about an Out of District employee who was seeking to have his/her child placed in the HK school system. Further discussion took place regarding a long term solution, criteria for acceptance, and tuition took place.

There was unanimous Consensus of the Board to have Joanne Nesti and the Policy Sub-Committee explore the special consideration of Policy 5118 and bring back to the Board recommended alternatives as soon as possible.

Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary