

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
(JOINT MEETING)
May 20, 2020

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held May 20, 2020 via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members Present: *Peter Sonski, Joel D'Angelo, Jennifer Favalora, Shawna Goldfarb, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Eileen Blewett, Brenda Buzzi (Joined at 5:31 PM), Kathleen Zandi (Joined at 5:36 PM), Joanne Nesti and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *None.*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Director of Finance, Ann Adriani, Haddam First Selectman, Robert McGarry, Haddam Board of Selectmen, Kate Anderson (Joined at 6:21 PM), Haddam Board of Finance Chairman, Joseph Centofanti, Haddam Board of Finance Members, Wayne Ritty, Harlan Frederickson, David Challenger, Marc Adelberg, Tim Teran, Haddam Board of Finance Alternate, Prem K. Aithal, Killingworth First Selectwoman, Catherine Iino, Killingworth Board of Selectmen, Eileen Blewett, Killingworth Board of Finance Chairwoman, Gwenne Celmer, Killingworth Board of Finance Members, Cheryl K. Fine, Robert Rimmer, Marcel Couture, Annie Stirna, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Report from Chairman about new BOE Meeting Format and Process Under the Governor's Order: *Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, updated the Boards.*

Status, Updates and Discussion about 2020-21 Budget Process, Town and School Budgets, and Potential Changes, including Discussion of Economic Outlook for Both Towns:
The Boards gave a roll call of themselves.

The Boards briefly viewed the Board of Education Proposed Budget for 2020-21 going over the Net Budget of \$40,773,479.35, a \$401,051.00 or a 62.29% increase in the Audited Fund Balance, a decrease in the Town Assessment of \$1,035,624.48 or 2.54% respectively. Further discussion regarding the Budget and Budget Vote for 2020-2021, areas of concern and challenges that the District faced with the possible reduction of items in the Budget, Distance Learning, 1:1 Technology Package, future Pre-K and K Enrollment, the Towns Budget and vote date, filling the vacancy in the Board of Education, communication before July 2020 of Towns scheduled payments took place between the Board of Education, the Boards of Finance and the Boards of Selectmen of the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth.

Adjournment

Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

*Approval: _____ Date: _____
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary*