

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
April 14, 2020

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 14, 2020 via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Members Present: *Peter Sonski, Joel D'Angelo, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Jennifer Favalora, Shawna Goldfarb, Eileen Blewett, Joanne Nesti, Brenda Buzzi, Kathleen Zandi (Joined at 5:34 PM) and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *None.*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Ann Adriani, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Adam Apicella, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, Student Services Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dolores Bates, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School, Eric Larson, Principal of Burr Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, Curriculum Coordinators, Heather Rigatti and Jennifer Beermuender, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, welcomed everyone via live stream and asked the public if they would like to give a public comment to send it to BoEPublicComments@rsd17.org.

Public Comment: *None.*

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

Old Business:

A. Status/Update, Discussion, and Next Steps on School Building Closure and Distance Learning and Cougar Pride

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.

B. 2019-20 School Calendar: Last Day of School and High School Graduation Date

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to put the Last Day of School and High School Gradation Date back on the Table. (This item was **TABLED** at the March 25, 2020 BOE Special Meeting.)*

Kathleen Zandi YES NO A
Peter Sonski YES NO A
Dr. Nelson Rivera YES NO A

Shawna Goldfarb YES NO A
Jennifer Favalora YES NO A
Joel D'Angelo YES NO A

Eileen Blewett YES NO A
Joanne Nesti YES NO A

Brenda Buzzi YES NO A
Suzanne Sack YES NO A

The Board had further discussion about the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Hageman to set the last day of school as Monday, June 15, 2020.

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion to set the last day of school to Monday, June 15, 2020.*

Motion passed 8-1-1 by the following Voice Votes:

Kathleen Zandi YES NO A
Peter Sonski YES NO A
Dr. Nelson Rivera YES NO A
Eileen Blewett YES NO A
Joanne Nesti YES NO A

Shawna Goldfarb YES NO A
Jennifer Favalora YES NO A
Joel D'Angelo YES NO A
Brenda Buzzi YES NO A
Suzanne Sack YES NO A

New Business:

A. Discussion* and Vote on Nonrenewal of Non-Tenured Certified Staff

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Nonrenewal of Non-Tenured Certified Staff as presented.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following Voice Votes:

Kathleen Zandi YES NO A
Peter Sonski YES NO A
Dr. Nelson Rivera YES NO A
Eileen Blewett YES NO A
Joanne Nesti YES NO A

Shawna Goldfarb YES NO A
Jennifer Favalora YES NO A
Joel D'Angelo YES NO A
Brenda Buzzi YES NO A
Suzanne Sack YES NO A

From the Superintendent

A. Legislative Update

No Report.

B. Personnel Report

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.

C. Enrollment Report

Superintendent Dr. Hageman updated the Board.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

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