

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**March 31, 2020**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 31, 2020 via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Peter Sonski, Joel D'Angelo, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Jennifer Favalora, Shawna Goldfarb, Eileen Blewett, Joanne Nesti, Brenda Buzzi, Kathleen Zandi 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 6:32 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the previous meeting.*

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

**Presentation and Discussion of Superintendent's Budget Adjustments:**

*Superintendent Dr. Hageman went over the Potential Budget Reductions from the Superintendent's 2020-21 Proposed Budget in length; specifically, at KES, BES, HKIS, HKMS, HKHS, District Wide, and Pupil Services.*

*The Board had further discussions about their concerns with eliminating the 3 Kindergarten Paras, holding off for a year on the movement of the Pre-School location and Playground, Reduction of HKIS After School Clubs, Changes to funding of the Capital Account, Reduction of 0.5 School Nurse at the HKIS/HKMS Levels, Reduction of PM Monitors at the HKMS Levels and the Reduction of Library After Hours at the High School Level.*

*Superintendent Dr. Hageman will be finding out more about the After School Monitors in terms of where students would go if eliminated as well as the number of students that stay for Athletic purposes/late clubs and number of students that stay for after school help, alternative options for the late bus transportation, and will bring them forward to the Board at their next Budget Workshop. She will consider additional cuts to offset the Board if they were to place some of these proposed cuts back into the budget.*

*The next Budget Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m. via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream).*

**Adjournment**

*Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:42 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jamie Sciascia  
Board Clerk*

*Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary*