

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING
(BOARD WORKSHOP)
February 4, 2020

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on February 4, 2020 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Vice-Chair, Peter Sonski, called the meeting to order at 8:47 P.M.

Members Present: *Eileen Blewett, Brenda Buzzi, Joel D’Angelo, Jennifer Favalora, Joanne Nesti, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Kathleen Zandi, Shawna Goldfarb, Gerry Matthews and Peter Sonski*

Members Absent: *Suzanne Sack*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, and Director of Fiscal Operations for RSD17, Ann Adriani*

Visitors: *Approximately 2*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Vice-Chair, Peter Sonski, called the meeting to order at 8:47 P.M.*

Workshop on Special Education: *Superintendent Dr. Hageman opened the meeting and told the Board that the intention of the Workshop was to inform the Board of a pressing need in the area of supporting students, and the discussion tonight was about adding a resource in our continuum of services that the Administration believes can be very beneficial and that the Administration was seeking the Board’s support. Dr. Hageman updated the Board on the number of our students who have Out-of-District Placements and the marked increase since January 2019. Director of Student Services, Dr. Lindsay, informed the Board on the costs of outplacements, the different reasons for outplacements and the outlook for the near future. Dr. Lindsay introduced Effective School Solutions (ESS) as an alternative that has been used successfully in other CT school districts. Dr. Lindsay explained the model and how the program could be integrated into our schools, specifically, HKHS and HKMS, beginning in March. The Board asked questions about the benefits, alternatives, costs, timing, how this would be paid for and contract length.*

Board member, Joel D’Angelo, left the meeting at approximately 9:50 p.m.

Adjournment: *Board of Education Vice-Chair, Peter Sonski, called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:55 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Favalora
Board Secretary