

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MINUTES
July 18, 2019

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on July 18, 2019 in the Board Room at Central Office. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Members Present: *Gerry Matthews, Eileen Blewett, Peter Sonski, Sue Williams, Maura Wallin, Eric Couture, Suzanne Sack, and Joanne Nesti*

Members Absent: *Joel D'Angelo, Brenda Buzzi and Kathy Zandi*

Also Present: *Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman*

Visitors: *None.*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, read a statement into the record announcing the appointment of Dr. Holly Hageman as the Interim Superintendent of RSD17:

"We are here tonight to take an important first step as a Board in selecting new leadership for our school district by naming an Interim Superintendent of Schools. We know that our community---our schools, our towns, our employees---all have a very strong interest in this process and, mindful of that interest, we will continue our due diligence in selecting a permanent leader. But tonight, with our selection of an Interim, we want to assure all those who care about the education of our children that it was important to demonstrate that there is a strong and experienced hand guiding our District. The commitment to excellence in all of our schools will continue with a smooth transition. We are pleased to recommend the appointment of Dr. Holly Hageman as Interim Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Hageman has served District 17 for the past five years as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, doing outstanding work in program development and strategic planning. Her distinguished career includes positions as Assistant Superintendent in the Westport, Connecticut school system, Principal of Nayaug Elementary School in Glastonbury and as Teacher of the Year when she taught science at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. She was the obvious choice, as she has been a strong partner at the right hand of Superintendent Thiery. Our Board and our communities have enjoyed a positive and productive relationship with Holly and we look forward to continuing that spirit of cooperation. She is a compelling choice and the length of her tenure as Interim Superintendent has yet to be determined. But with the new school year starting in a little more than 40 days, we are confident that under Holly Hageman's leadership we are ready to continue working in the best interests of our students and their education."

*Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to appoint Dr. Holly Hageman as the interim Superintendent of Schools of Regional School District 17.*

Motion passed unanimously 8-0-0 by the following votes:

Suzanne Sack YES √ NO A
 Peter Sonski YES √ NO A
 Maura Wallin YES √ NO A
 Eric Couture YES √ NO A
 Sue Williams YES √ NO A

Joel D'Angelo Absent
 Eileen Blewett YES √ NO A
 Brenda Buzzi Absent
 Gerry Matthews YES √ NO A
 Kathleen Zandi Absent
 Joanne Nesti YES √ NO A

Dr. Hageman expressed her gratitude to the Board for its confidence in her leadership, and looks forward to working with the Board and the community on behalf of the students and families of District 17.

The Board had brief discussion on the possible dates for the transition of Dr. Hageman. It was confirmed that Dr. Holly Hageman would transition to Interim Superintendent of Schools on August 16, 2019.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at approximately 5:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia
 Board Clerk



Approval:

Eileen Blewett, Secretary

Date:

9/3/19