

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING
ANNUAL HEARING
May 21, 2019

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 21, 2019 in the Student Commons of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members Present: *Peter Sonski, Eric Couture, Gerry Matthews, Eileen Blewett, Brenda Buzzi, Kathleen Zandi, Maura Wallin, Joel D'Angelo, Suzanne Sack and Joanne Nesti*

Members Absent: *Sue Williams*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Principal of Haddam Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Principal Vice President of HK Education Association, Robin Duffield, Special Education Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, Killingworth Board of Finance Member, Annie Stirna, Director of Technology for RSD17, John Mercier, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 6*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Presentation of the Board of Education Proposed Budget 2019-2020:

Board Vice Chair, Suzanne Sack, presented the amended Board of Education Proposed Budget for 2019-2020 fiscal year for Regional School District No. 17. She spoke about the Mission Statement, the 2019/2020 Budget Goals, the RSD17 Educational Programs at the Elementary Levels (Grades K-3), Intermediate Levels (Grades 4-5), Middle Levels (Grades 6-8), and the High School Levels (Grades 9-12). Vice Chair, Sack, further addressed the Academic Return on Investment: Expenditure Rank vs. DPI Rank, the BOE Budget Revisions which totaled \$160,005.26 reduction for Staff/Faculty retirements and resignations since April 1, 2019 (reductions related to Salaries and Benefits) and \$56,896.07 reduction for HKHS Fuel, Workers Compensation, Homebound Instruction, Audit Fees, Copier Lease, Pension Plan, New Equipment Superintendent Professional Development, Dues and Fees. Vice Chair, Sack, went over in detail the Revised BOE Proposed Budget for 2019-2020 is \$42,348,913.52 totaling a 0.39% decrease over last year's budget respectively, the Revenue, Net Budget, Audited Funded Balance and Town Assessment for Haddam and Killingworth. She briefly spoke about Enrollment, 2019/2020 Investment for Personnel which included an increase in Math Courses and Support at the HKHS and HKMS Levels and an Athletic Coach for Track. Board Vice Chair, Sack, spoke about 2019/2020 Investment for New Equipment and funding the Capital Account, the Technology Investment for Rotating Tech Lease and Initiation of Google/Cloud Changeover, Budget Impact for District Restructuring which totals \$1,215,725 and Enrollment History from 2009-2018 for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth.

Community Input regarding Board of Education Proposed Budget:

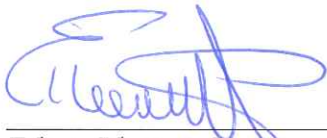
There were no Community Members who addressed the Board regarding their concerns with the Board of Education Proposed Budget.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
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Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 7/2/19
Eileen Blewett, Secretary