

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING
May 13, 2019

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 13, 2019 at the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

Members Absent: *None.*

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 Burr Elementary School, Eric Larson, Principal of Haddam Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, RSD7 Technology Director, John Mercier, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, Student Services Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, Vice President of HK Education Association, Robin Duffield, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *2*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.*

Discussion of the Proposed 2019-2020 Budget:

Superintendent Thiery spoke briefly on the Budget Timeline and the recent staff retirements that took place. He handed out a list of possible reductions that the Administration team put forward and the Board requested. The Board reviewed and discussed all items: Copier Lease for HES and BES, Pension Plan, Employer Share, New Equipment for the HKHS Library (Laminator), AM Child Care for the Chorus Band for KES and BES (Running Less Days), Student Activity Stipends at the Middle School Level, Homebound Instruction, Medicare Tax and Social Security Tax, Employer, Student Activity, Travel at HKIS (Band and Chorus), Contracted Service, Custodian, Dues and Fees at the Middle School Level, New Equipment, AV at HKHS (Field Camera), ELA, Textbooks at HKIS, Workers' Compensation, BOE Professional Development, Oil at HES, Superintendent Professional Development, Principal Purchased Services at KES, BES and HKIS, Art Purchased Service at BES (Kiln), Special Education Professional Development, Oil at HKHS, District Overtime, Academic Program Salary, Purchased Service, Band at HKMS and HKIS (Instrument Repair), Professional Development, Professional Development Technology, Periodicals, Audio Visual at HKHS (MacWorld & Videomaker), Textbooks, ELA at BES, Textbooks, Special Education, New Equipment in Art at the High School Level (Document Camera), New Equipment, KES (Sofa), New Equipment, Practical Arts, at the Middle School Level (Dryer), New Equipment in Guidance (Privacy Filters), at the High School Level, Periodicals Science, Tech Ed, Health, ELA at the Middle School Level, New Equipment at KES, BES and HKHS (Whiteboards), New Equipment for PE at HKMS (iPad and AV Adaptors), New Equipment ELA at the Middle School Levels (Room Divider), Technology Software, District (Chrome), New Equipment, AV, HKHS (iMac Computer), Textbooks at the Middle School Level (Reading Unit Books, Leveled Literary Library Teal System), New Equipment Guidance, HKHS (Chairs), Textbooks, ELA, for KES (Decodable Reader Class Set), Library Books for KES, BES, HKIS, HKMS, HKHS, Custodial Supply, Other Supply, Instructional Supplies, and Textbooks, Science at the High School Level.

The Board had further discussions on which items to reduce from the above list keeping away from items of importance like programming and similar items. These items totaled \$68,825 bringing the gross budget increase to 0.38% over last years. The Board had Consensus to bring this Budget amount to Referendum on June 4th. The Board briefly spoke about insurance and the Budget presentation for the Annual Meeting.

Board Chair, Nesti, thanked Superintendent Thiery and Administration Team for all their hard work.


Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

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