

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING  
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING  
May 6, 2019**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 6, 2019 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Eileen Blewett, Suzanne Sack, Peter Sonski, Eric Couture, Brenda Buzzi, Kathy Zandi and Joanne Nesti*

**Members Absent:** *Maura Wallin, Gerry Matthews, Sue Williams, and Joel D'Angelo*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

**Visitors:** *Approximately 12*

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

**Nominations For a Moderator:**

*Martha Vaughn of Killingworth **MOVED** and Jamie Sciascia of Higganum **SECONDED** a motion to appoint Paul Freeman of Killingworth as the Moderator. Motion passed unanimously 9-0 by a Voice Vote.*

**Legal Call reading by the Board Secretary:**

*Moderator Paul Freeman asked the Board Secretary, Eileen Blewett, to read the Legal Call. Eileen Blewett read the Legal Call into the record as follows:*

A meeting of Regional School District No. 17 of the State of Connecticut, whose member towns are the towns of Haddam and Killingworth, will be held in the Auditorium of Haddam-Killingworth High School on May 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education gross budget of \$42,565,814.85 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.

The meeting will be adjourned to a yes/no vote on the budget which will take place on the voting machines in each of the member towns on the day following the district meeting; therefore, the vote on voting machines will take place May 7, 2019.

2. To set the voting hours of the referendum vote on the budget for the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM pursuant to Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 94-245 and 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

A copy of the proposed budget recommended for adoption by the district Board of Education is on file and available for inspection and copies are available for distribution upon request at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 57 Little City Road, Higganum, CT and at the offices of the town clerks of Haddam and Killingworth.

Moderator Paul Freeman of Killingworth **MOVED** and Martha Vaughn of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Legal Call as read. Motion passed 8-1 by a Voice Vote.

**Regional Education Budget 2019-2020:**

Moderator Paul Freeman of Killingworth **MOVED** and Martha Vaughn of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a Regional Education Budget in the amount of \$42,565,814.85 for the fiscal year 2019-2020 beginning July 1.

Moderator Paul Freeman stated that no vote will be taken at this time and this meeting will adjourn to a referendum vote at the usual polling places on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

**Audience Questions:**

No one in the audience raised any questions.

**Set Voting Hours:**

Moderator Paul Freeman of Killingworth **MOVED** and Martha Vaughn of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to set the voting hours of the referendum vote on the budget from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM pursuant to Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 94-245 and 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Motion passed unanimously 9-0 by a Voice Vote.

**Adjournment:**

Moderator Paul Freeman **MOVED** and Martha Vaughn of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn to a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Motion passed unanimously 9-0 by a Voice Vote.

Moderator Paul Freeman requested he resign from his position as Moderator.

Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, called a motion for the meeting to adjourn.

Eric Couture **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn the Board of Education Special Meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 9-0 by a Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia  
Board Clerk

Approval:



Eileen Blewett, Secretary

Date:

7/2/19