

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING  
April 11, 2019**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 11, 2019 at the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.*

**Members Present:** Eileen Blewett, Peter Sonski, Sue Williams, Kathleen Zandi, Maura Wallin (Arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Gerry Matthews, Suzanne Sack and Joanne Nesti

**Members Absent:** Joel D'Angelo, Brenda Buzzi and Eric Couture

**Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, and RSD 17 Counsel, Attorney Floyd Dugas

**Visitors:** None.

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:** Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Discussion and Possible Action on the Disposition of the Haddam Elementary School Property:** Attorney Dugas updated the Board on discussions with the Haddam and Killingworth town attorneys regarding the proposed transfer of ownership of the Haddam Elementary School and Swan Hill properties.

Gerry Matthews **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to offer the Town of Haddam the right to purchase the Haddam Elementary School building and approximately 10 adjacent acres of land for \$450,000 with the following conditions:

1. That payments be made over a three-year period commencing with the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, with full payment by June 30, 2023.
2. That all Haddam approvals, including results of the town referendum, be completed no later than June 30, 2019.
3. That the transfer of ownership be completed no later than October 1, 2019.

*Discussion concerned work to be continued by legal counsel regarding property lines, with a survey to be completed and resulting map to be reviewed by BOE and counsel before final property lines are established.*

*Motion passed 7-1-0 by the following votes:*

Suzanne Sack	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>	Joel D'Angelo	Absent
Peter Sonski	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>	Eileen Blewett	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
Maura Wallin	YES <u>  </u> NO <u>√</u> A <u>  </u>	Brenda Buzzi	Absent
Eric Couture	Absent	Gerry Matthews	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
Sue Williams	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>	Kathleen Zandi	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>
		Joanne Nesti	YES <u>√</u> NO <u>  </u> A <u>  </u>

*Kathleen Zandi **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to donate the "Swan Hill" acreage behind Haddam Elementary School to the Haddam Land Trust for use as open space in perpetuity.*

Discussion about concerned work to be continued by legal counsel regarding specific property lines and assurance of complete public access to the land.

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

Suzanne Sack	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u>  </u>	A <u>  </u>
Peter Sonski	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u>  </u>	A <u>  </u>
Maura Wallin	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u>  </u>	A <u>  </u>
Eric Couture	Absent		
Sue Williams	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u>  </u>	A <u>  </u>

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


**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Janie Sciascia  
Board Clerk

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