

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING
March 19, 2019

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 19, 2019 at the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 9:02 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Maura Wallin, Peter Sonski and Sue Williams*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Sheila Ward, 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, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, RSD7 Technology Director, John Mercier, Vice President of HK Education Association, Robin Duffield, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 9:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Community Input meeting that took place right before this meeting.*

Report from the Strategic Capital Planning Committee:

Board Vice Chair, Suzanne Sack, updated the Board.

Dr. Holly Hageman updated the Board.

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2019-2020 Budget:

Superintendent Thiery presented to the Board the Technology Density Report and the Electricity and Fuel Report as requested from the Board at the last Budget Workshop. He spoke about Electricity and the average kilowatts hours used which shows potential savings. Fuel was also discussed and reviewed by the Board which included the gallons used, projected number of gallons throughout the year, the cost based on New Haven Harbor Rate, and the amount budgeted. Further, Superintendent Thiery went over the increased propane line and it running more efficiently than the heating of the boilers.

John Mercier spoke about Student Computer Devices such as laptops, iPad, and Computer lab devices as well as the number of devices per student ratio. Further, he spoke about the new equipment going to HKIS, Apps, Chromebooks, iCloud and Google Software Licenses, and a Self-Help Google Page that he created. He briefly spoke about the Technology lines set aside in the Budget and PowerSchool database system.

Board Vice Chair, Suzanne Sack, suggested that there be a reduction to the electricity and fuel portion of the budget by \$200,000. Superintendent Thiery stated this is a starting point for the next Budget Workshop.

Board Member, Joel D'Angelo, left the meeting at approximately 9:50 p.m.

The Board had discussion about adding another Budget Workshop, and agreed upon Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Eileen Blewett, Secretary