

**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 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.*

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

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

**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, First Selectwoman for the Town of Killingworth, Catherine Iino, Killingworth Board of Finance Members, Robert Rimmer, Marcel Couture, Annie Stirna, Haddam Resident State Trooper, Enrico Milardo, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

**Visitors:** *Approximately 80*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:** *Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**Public Input on the Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2019-2020:**

*The following Community members addressed the Board regarding their concerns in the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget:*

*Howie Field of Haddam addressed the Board.  
Shawna Goldfarb of Haddam addressed the Board.  
Arthur Collins of Higganum addressed the Board.  
Katie Packtor of Haddam addressed the Board.  
Mary Hickish of Higganum addressed the Board.  
Greg Judge of Killingworth addressed the Board.  
Jennifer Petrillo of Haddam addressed the Board.  
Krystyna Medina of Killingworth addressed the Board.  
Joe Rizzo of Haddam addressed the Board.  
Valerie Wyzykowski of Higganum addressed the Board.  
Elisabeth Barrett Abbatallo of Higganum addressed the Board.  
Jane Baird of Higganum addressed the Board.  
Alisha McNamara of Killingworth addressed the Board.*

*Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, spoke about how there will be a Budget Workshop directly following this meeting.*

**Adjournment**

*Board Chair, Joanne Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:50 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jamie Sciascia*

*Board Clerk*

*Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Eileen Blewett, Secretary*