

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 5, 2019

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 5, 2019 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present: *Sue Williams, Peter Sonski, Eric Couture, Eileen Blewett, Brenda Buzzi, Maura Wallin, Kathleen Zandi, Suzanne Sack, Joel D'Angelo (Arrived at 6:30 p.m.) and Joanne Nesti*

Members Absent: *Gerry Matthews*

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, 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 Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, Principal of Haddam Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, Haddam-Killingworth High School Athletic Director, Lynne Flint, Vice President of HK Education Association, Robin Duffield, Haddam First Selectwoman, Lizz Milardo, Killingworth First Selectwoman, Cathy Iino, Killingworth Board of Finance Member, Robert Rimmer, Killingworth Board of Finance Member, Annie Stirna, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 35*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:

Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented to the Board, Administrators and Visitors the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for 2019-2020 for Regional School District No. 17.

Superintendent Thiery reviewed the Mission Statement for RSD 17 and spoke about the 2019/2020 Budget Goals. Further, he spoke about the Academic Return on Investment which included the State Calculated Per Pupil Expenditure and the State Calculated District Performance Index. He also addressed the Budget History from years 2009-2010 through 2018-2019 which included the Net Budgets and Percentage Increases. He went over the 2019-2020 Proposed Gross Budget, Revenue, Net Budget, Audited Fund Balance, Town Assessment and the Percentage Increase. Superintendent Thiery went over the Budget Increases: Health Insurance, Students Services Tuitions, Support Salaries, Professional Services, Debt (Interest), New Positions, New Equipment, Technology Software, Technology Replacement and Text Books. He spoke about the Proposed New Positions for increased Math Courses at the High School and Middle School Levels as well as the Athletic Coaches for Football and Track. He addressed the New Equipment for the High School and Middle School Levels which included Classroom Furniture, Science Equipment, Student Services Adaptive Technology and HKHS Collaborative Learning Spaces Phase 1 Furniture. Further, he addressed the Capital Funding and funding it at 1%. Superintendent Thiery spoke about the Technology and Software portion of the Budget which included Initiation of Google/Cloud Changeover. He also spoke about

the RSD17 Enrollment History for years 2009-2018 and the Proposed Assessment for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth for 2019-2020. The Budget Changes from the District Restructuring were reviewed which included the Positions Eliminated, New Position of Dean of Student Life, 0.5 Art Teacher at HKHS, and 0.5 Math Coach at HKMS. He also spoke about the Reductions Associated with the HES Building which included the Total Amount of Money decreasing for 2019/2020 for Buildings & Grounds, Purchased Services, Trash Removal, Telephone, Custodial/Maintenance, Electrically and Heating Oil. He further addressed the Budget Impact District Restructuring for 2019/2020 in the amount of \$1,179,837.24. Lastly, Superintendent Thiery went over the Open Items for Workshop which included HKHS Fuel and Electricity, Teachers Retirement Contribution, ECS, Finalizing Personnel and Security Upgrades.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Nesti, called for the meeting to adjourn at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



*Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

Approval: 
Eileen Blewett, Secretary

Date: 5/7/19