

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING  
April 3, 2018**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 3, 2018 in the Student Commons of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 8:16 PM.*

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

**Members Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Curriculum, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Ryan Mackenzie, Principal of Burr Elementary School, Eric Larson, Principal of Haddam Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, Special Education Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia

**Visitors:** Approximately 3

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:** Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 8:16 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the Annual Meeting held before this meeting.

**Review of Community Input of Annual Hearing and Possible Budget Modification:**

*The Board briefly reviewed the input from members of the Community, the Budget Workshop process as well as a possible budget modification.*

*There were Board discussions in length about putting forward a 0% budget increase. Also, the Board spoke about spending freezes, library books, guidance counselor positions and a custodian position that wasn't filled since there was a spending freeze. Also, the Board spoke about the State's budget and how much we are in a deficit. Many Board members felt that they did a thorough examination of every line item that was presented in the Budget Books and tried to adjust the budget as low as possible without affecting the children's education programs which is the most important thing. The Board also spoke briefly about insurance contract negotiations.*

**Board of Education Adopts 2018-2019 Budget for Annual Meeting:**

*Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a Regional Gross Education Budget of \$42,186,148.82 for the fiscal year of 2018-2019 starting July 1, 2018.*

*Motion passed 8-3-0 by the following votes:*

Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Sonski	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Eileen Blewett	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Buzzi	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Gerry Matthews	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
		Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

**Approval of Legal Call for May 7, 2018:**

*Eileen Blewett MOVED and Eric Couture SECONDED a motion to approve the Legal Call as follows below:*

*Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 by the following votes:*

Suzanne Sack	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u>   </u>	A <u>   </u>	Joel D'Angelo	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u>   </u>	A <u>   </u>
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	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u>   </u>	A <u>   </u>
Eric Couture	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u>   </u>	A <u>   </u>	Gerry Matthews	YES <u>√</u>	NO <u>   </u>	A <u>   </u>
Sue Twachtman	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>

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 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education gross budget of \$42,186,148.82 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

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 8, 2018.

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.

**Adjournment:**

*The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Jamie Sciascia  
Board Clerk*

Approval:  Date: 5/1/18  
*Eileen Blewett, Secretary*