

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING
March 20, 2018

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 20, 2018 at the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 6:56 PM.

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

***Members Absent:** Joel D'Angelo*

***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, 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, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, RSD7 IT Manager, Scott Butson, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

***Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:** Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 6:56 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Community Input meeting that took place right before this meeting.*

Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2018-2019 Budget:

Superintendent Thiery presented to the Board an update on Insurance Renewal which included HSA Contributions. He stated that there is an approximately \$221,000 decrease to insurance from last year. Once they finish negotiations the figure will be more accurate. He also spoke briefly about adjustments to the increase of the Gross Budget being brought back to reflect a 0.92% increase to the Gross Budget respectively. There was Board discussion about seeing a module for the social security package for salary employees, revenue comparison and transportation which has a contract every 5 years. Further, a clear decrease in telephone services was seen in the proposed Budget. The Board had discussion on the Non-affiliated positions projected 2018-2019 salary increases and also spoke about the athletic supplies increase which a detailed report will be provided at the next Budget Meeting. The Board also reviewed and discussed specific budget items that increased and/or decreased such as: fuel, diesel, propane, travel, electricity, Custodians uniforms, community outings, waste management, technology, postage, special education funding, purchase service orders for Superintendent and BOE, legal fees, technology lease, Medicare, District Physicians, workers' compensation, salary for new hires, and instructional supplies. Lastly, Kindergarten Enrollment was also briefly discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 4/3/18
Eileen Blewett, Secretary