

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING**  
**March 15, 2018**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 15, 2018 at the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joanne Nesti, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.*

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

**Members Absent:** *Suzanne Sack and Gerry Matthews*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Shelia Ward, 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, Special Education Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, 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 7:00 PM.*

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

*The Board reviewed and discussed in length the Superintendent's Proposed 2018-2019 Budget.*

*Superintendent Thiery handed out adjustments that had been made which showed a slight reduction to the proposed increase of this year's Gross Budget to 0.87%.*

*The Board spoke about Certified Salary positions, FTE's, secretaries, stipend positions, counselors, tutoring, support staff increase, paras, overtime snow removal funds and tuition reimbursement. Further, there is a 5% increase in workers' compensation, health insurance was flat as a placeholder until an actual number is confirmed. Superintendent Thiery stated that this year we are not projecting any staff layoffs due to budget. He also spoke about the new in-house training within the District that is taking place for Special Education, specifically, in dyslexia. Further, he spoke on Project Lead the Way training, Professional Development for the Board. The Board also reviewed and discussed caps and gowns for faculty, extra duty services for the State Trooper related to football games, the lawn maintenance funds at the Middle School Level, the Athletic Training Services and how we are required by law to have a trainer on site for sports games. Lastly, they discussed purchase service orders for the Superintendent and BOE. Superintendent Thiery and Martha Vaughn will be confirming what these orders were specifically for.*

**Adjournment:**

*The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

  
Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

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