

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
(BOARD WORKSHOP)
November 14, 2017

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on November 14, 2017 at Central Office in the Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM.

Members Present: *Kathy Brown, Peter Sonski, Eric Couture, Maura Wallin, Suzanne Sack, Jeannie Young, Joanne Nesti, Dan Chase (Arrived at 6:43 PM), Sue Twachtman, Susan Dean and Joel D'Angelo*

Members Absent: *None.*

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 Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Ryan Mackenzie, Principal of Burr Elementary School, Eric Larson, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, Special Education Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, District Technology Manager, Scott Butson, Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 25*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Discussion regarding the Strategic Facilities Scenarios and Process:

Suzanne Sack updated the Board. Suzanne gave the SCP Committee Recommendation to the Board which would be a more detailed review of Scenario A. She spoke on the basis for the recommendation and how the SCP looked at all the pros and cons of each scenario that was given, if there was any immediate renovation that was needed, the money and time it would take to move forward as well as which scenario met all the goals in the strongest way. Further, she spoke on enrollment numbers of each school that were taken into account last spring and how she anticipates a continued decline of students enrollment in the future which further supports a consolidation of capital resources, specifically at the early education levels. She briefly spoke on how Scenario A would allow the District to save monies and make Capital Assets adjustments. She addressed birthrate data and housing sales data for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth. She spoke on the uncertainty of State grants monies and the reduction of cost from consolidating capital resources. Suzanne addressed what the Committee will further provide which will be "what if" scenarios regarding current enrollment, more detailed review of financial review and risks associated with the implementation. There will also be a Community Input meeting scheduled around the January/February 2018 timeframe. She stressed the importance of staying open and listening carefully to feedback from the Community.

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He spoke on how Scenario A will be in two phases: 1) the restructuring work, and 2) disposition of the vacated school building. He did confirm that the school and school property is owned by the District. He briefly addressed the K-3 Elementary Level, 4-5 Intermediate Level, the 6-8 Middle School Level as well as the adjustment that would be made to staffing. Lastly, he spoke on Community Values and sensitivity to another town's students being placed in their town's schools.

Maura Wallin **MOVED** and Peter Sonski **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Board's recommendation on going forward with a further study of Scenario A as presented.

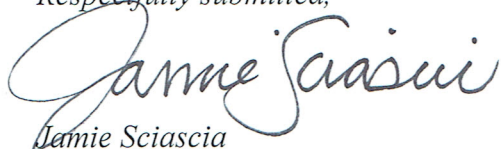
Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	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"/>
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Peter Sonski	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"/>	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeannie Young	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"/>

Adjournment:

Board Chair, D'Angelo, called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

Approval: Kathy Brown Date: 12/5/17
Kathy Brown, Secretary