

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 28, 2017

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 28, 2017 in the Board Room of the Central Office. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

***Members Present:** Kathy Brown, Joanne Nesti, Eric Couture, Maura Wallin, Suzanne Sack, Sue Twachtman, Jeannie Young (Arrived at 7:33 PM), Susan Dean (Arrived at 7:37 PM) and Joel D'Angelo*

***Members Absent:** Dan Chase*

***Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

***Visitors:** Approximately 20*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2017-2018

Superintendent Thiery presented to the Board a summary of the proposed changes representing an increase to the gross budget of \$153,677.11 respectively. The Board reviewed these numbers and additionally spoke briefly about the following topics: instructional supplies, personnel, cell phone plans, custodians, unemployment, purchased services, and Chamber of Commerce. They also addressed the CAFE Policy Subscription and how it can be eliminated from the Budget since they now are working with Shipman and Goodwin at a lower rate. Finally, they briefly spoke about the unknown State budget numbers. The respective changes that were made during the Board's review of the budget represent a 0.37% gross budget increase from the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Board Chair D'Angelo reminded everyone of the Annual Meeting next Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. He spoke on how they will recommend adopting the budget which will then get sent to Referendum. He urged the Board to go out and educate people on the budget over the next month for voting purposes.

Superintendent Thiery further spoke on how there are three meetings scheduled for the night of April 4th; specifically, the Annual Hearing/Community Input, Special Meeting to Adopt the Budget and then Board of Education regular meeting directly following those two meetings.

Suzanne Sack and Joanne Nesti thanked Superintendent Thiery, Board Chair D'Angelo, Martha Vaughn and the entire team for their efforts working on this budget process.

Adjournment

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



*Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk*

Approval:  Date: 5/2/17
Kathy Brown, Secretary