

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**March 21, 2017**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 21, 2017 in the Board Room of the Central Office. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:56 PM.*

***Members Present:** Kathy Brown, Joanne Nesti, Eric Couture, Maura Wallin, Suzanne Sack, Sue Twatchman, Jeannie Young, Susan Dean 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 19*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:56 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

**Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2017-2018**

*Superintendent Thiery updated the Board with the requested information from last Budget Workshop regarding accurate Kindergarten enrollment across the District for 2017-2018 fiscal year. He also explained that these numbers will increase as it gets closer to the Kindergarten Fall Semester. Insurance was addressed how it has been adjusted twice reflecting a reduction of about \$44,000 to the proposed budget. Superintendent Thiery also briefly spoke of a possible reduction of approximately \$50,000 to the Transportation contract at the middle and high school levels. In addition, the Board spoke and agreed upon a decrease in Capital funding to 0.05%. The Board addressed the projected class room sizes/sections for the core academic subjects which are English, Math, Science and Social Studies. Each classroom basically holds no more than 25 students. The Board also looked into, with the guidance of Michael Distefano, a possible reduction of oil monies. A possible decrease in Electricity was mentioned but they are still under a contract. Lastly, the Board reviewed the library media paraprofessionals. Other budget reduction scenario topics that were addressed were elementary secretary positions and the Board took a closer look to postage, printing and advertising for bids and legal notices.*

*For the next Board meeting, the Board asked for recap on the agreed upon changes and a final review of the reduction number in the proposed Budget.*

*Board Chair, Joel D'Angelo reminded everyone of the final Budget Workshop meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. As always, feel free to contact himself or Superintendent Thiery with any questions.*

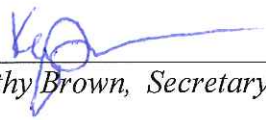
**Adjournment**

*Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:34 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia  
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 4/18/17  
Kathy Brown, Secretary