

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 9, 2017

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 9, 2017 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 8:39 PM.

Members Present: *Suzanne Sack, Kathy Brown, Susan Dean, Joanne Nesti, Maura Wallin, Eric Couture, and Joel D'Angelo*

Members Absent: *Dan Chase, Sue Twachtman, Jeannie Young*

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: *9*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 8:39 PM.

Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2017-2018 Budget

The Board discussed what the budget workshop process entails and what path they will be addressing at the next meeting regarding the Superintendent's Proposed 2017-2018 Budget.

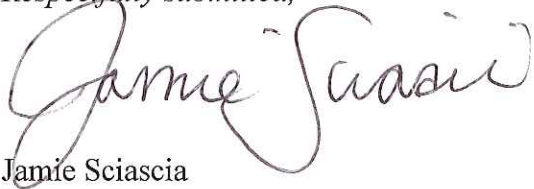
The Budget reflects a 1.9 increase of the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo opened the meeting asking the Board basically what the best approach is to get to a budget that everyone is comfortable with. Superintendent Thiery addressed the Board asking for feedback from his presentation of the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget. Some of the Board's suggestions were starting to look at a 0.05% deduction, putting together a flat budget, possibly reopening the health care contract for negotiations as well as a traditional approach. The Board agreed that a 0.5%-1% decrease is the best option to start with. Superintendent Thiery will conduct the budget analysis based on those numbers and will have it ready for the Board's discussion at the Tuesday, March 14th Budget meeting.

Superintendent Thiery spoke of how grateful he was that the message from tonight's joint meeting was "we are all in this together."


Adjournment

Board Chair, Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval:  _____ Date: 4/18/17

Kathy Brown, Secretary