

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
COMMUNITY HEARING
September 15, 2016

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on September 15, 2016 in the Haddam Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

***Members Present:** Kathy Brown, Dan Chase , Eric Couture, Susan Dean, Suzanne Sack, Sue Twachtman, Jeannie Young, Joel D'Angelo,*

***Members Absent:** Neal Perron, Maura Wallin, Joanne Nesti,*

***Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Representative from Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) Paul Drummey, and Board Clerk Kati Mohr*

***Visitors:** Approximately 9*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Community Input regarding High School Repair and Renovation Project

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo did a presentation in regards to the High School Infrastructure Plan. The presentation began with a rationale behind the project. The presentation then moved on to the studies and reports completed by agencies within and outside of the district. The presentation also included a section, "What areas need to be fixed or replaced?" He outlined that the roof needs to be replaced as it is 40 years old and has outlived its expected lifespan of 30 years. There have been some leaks that have been addressed as they have occurred, but a new roof will avoid water damage and mold growth, which will help the high school building last longer. The furnace systems also need to be replaced, as they are also 40 years old and have outlived their life expectancy of 35 years. Every year, several tubes burn out and need to be replaced and it is expected that the number of repairs needed will increase. A new furnace system will be more efficient, and have the ability to switch between natural gas and oil, depending upon cost and availability. The new system design will also decrease the chances of the furnace system going offline. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$9.1 million, with a net cost over 20 years of \$5.8 million after grant reimbursements, along with a projected energy savings of \$275,000 a year.

The Board then took questions and input from the audience.

Sally Haase of Haddam addressed the Board she had concerns about the debt being accumulated. The reimbursement and energy saving costs were explained.

Ed Schwing of Haddam addressed the Board with concerns about everything that happened at the state does the Board think that if the referendum passed would we get the reimbursement we were hoping for.

Superintendent Thiery feels confident that we will get the reimbursement we are hoping for.

Thomas Genry of Haddam addressed the Board. He wanted to know if a contractor has been lined up and if not are we looking for the lowest bid. Superintendent Thiery explained that since the referendum has yet to pass it would be premature to have a contractor lined up.

Board Discussion of High School Repair and Renovation Project

The Board reached consensus that they would like to hold the referendum on December 13, 2016. With this consensus, the Board plans to have the final public hearing and pass the resolution on October 25, 2016. The Board also discussed different avenues to be taken to get the word out to voters.

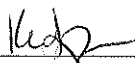
Adjournment

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kati Mohr
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 10/4/16
Kathy Brown, Secretary