

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION
September 8, 2016

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on September 8, 2016 in the Haddam Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

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

***Members Absent:** Dan Chase, Neal Perron*

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

***Visitors:** Approximately 13*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Presentation of High School Referendum 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 from the audience.

Wayne LePard of Higganum addressed the Board and asked what the scope of roof repair is if this does not pass. It was explained that they cannot project the exact amount because they are chasing leaks.

Arthur E. Colling of Higganum addressed the Board and wanted to know how the air conditioning system in the auditorium is. All HVAC systems were looked at and are functioning well. There are no plans to do any major work on them at this time.

Tom O'Connor of Higganum addressed the Board and asked if the boiler system will need any additional equipment. Paul Drummer representative from CREC explained that the boiler system comes with all necessary equipment.

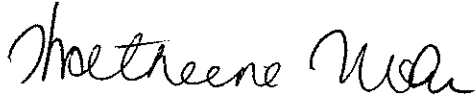
Steve Lowrance of Higganum addressed the Board with questions in regards to projects being done at the grade schools, what are we looking at for cost. Mike Distefano, Director of Facilities went over the 3 tier

plan 1 being 1-3 years, 2 being 3-5 and 3 being 5 years and beyond. At this time they do not expect to have to go to bond with any of the upcoming projects.

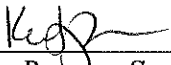
Adjournment

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kati Mohr
Board Clerk

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