

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION
June 21, 2016

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 21, 2016 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members Present: *Joanne Nesti, Kathy Brown, Susan Dean, Sue Twachtman, Eric Couture, Maura Wallin, Dan Chase (arrived at 7:44 PM), Suzanne Sack (arrived at 7:55 PM), and Joel D'Angelo*

Members Absent: *Jeannie Young and Neal Perron*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director for Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn, and Board Clerk, Larissa Johnson*

Visitors: 5

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

Maurice Adams of Haddam addressed the Board and presented a chart of budget trending and projections relating to cost per pupil. He asked whether the Board had an official 10-year projected enrollment report. He discussed how based on past history, the cost per pupil and overall budget will continue to increase and he demonstrated how enrollment is decreasing. He asked the Board to look at the district's projected enrollment and use long-range projected enrollment information in its strategic planning meeting.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Curriculum Council Update

Susan Dean had no report.

B. Curriculum Subcommittee

Dr. Holly Hageman presented a chart of professional development work taking place this summer.

Old Business

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

Representatives from CREC gave an update on the project with updated projected costs and a financial proforma, as well as project scheduling information. They also discussed the current state grant and reimbursement climate and the likelihood of reimbursement on several components of the project. CREC

also recommended that the Board have roof core samples taken and tested to determine the condition of the roof layers in order to better estimate the cost of replacement.

The Board discussed the scope and possible structure of a fall referendum. The Board discussed including the roof replacement, heating plant replacement, lighting upgrades and photovoltaic system, as well as the auditorium renovation. The Board discussed whether all of the items should be proposed in the referendum as one bonding question or as two or more questions. The Board discussed the merits of proposing the project as two questions as opposed to one and how to prioritize the items included in the scope of the referendum. The Board also briefly discussed the timeline for a fall referendum.

Dan Chase **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the scope of bonding to include Projects 1-10 on the Project Breakdown of Costs including the roof replacement, heating plant, photovoltaic system, lighting upgrades, and auditorium renovation. Motion passed 8-1-0 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	YES ___ NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A ___	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Neal Perron	Absent
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Jeannie Young	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___

The Board further discussed having the roof core samples taken.

Dan Chase **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 for roof core sample testing from the Emergency Project account. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Neal Perron	Absent
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Jeannie Young	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___

New Business

A. Discussion and Approval of the 16/17 Assessment Invoice for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth

The Board reviewed the 16/17 Assessment Invoice for Haddam and Killingworth.

Dan Chase **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the 16/17 Assessment Invoice for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Neal Perron	Absent
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Jeannie Young	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___

B. End of Year Budget Projection and Fund Balance Discussion

Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn presented the projected year-end balance and suggested contributions. The projected year-end balance for June 30, 2016 is \$428,420.34. A recommended contribution of funding the Capital Fund 06 at the statutory limit of 1% would be a contribution of \$414, 680.81 from the year-end balance. One suggestion included contributing the remaining balance of approximately \$13,739.53 to the Benefit/Self-Insurance Fund 22. The remaining balance could fluctuate through the end of the year as remaining purchase orders close and two hourly pay-periods are processed.

Suzanne Sack **MOVED** and Sue Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to accept the recommendation to fund the Capital Fund at a rate of 1% and fund the remaining balance to the Benefits/Self-Insurance Fund 22.

Dan Chase **AMENDED** the motion to return the remaining balance to the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth, instead of funding Fund 22. Suzanne Sack **ACCEPTED** the amendment.

Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	Absent
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeannie Young	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

C. Board Strategic Planning

The Board discussed meeting in July to for the purposes of strategic planning.

D. Superintendent's Contract*

The Board will go into Executive Session prior to the close of the meeting to discuss the Superintendent's contract.

Public Comment

Maurice Adams of Haddam addressed the Board and suggested that if the cost per pupil had been kept lower, auditorium repairs could have been paid for.

Adjournment

Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the Superintendent's contract. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	Absent
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeannie Young	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:56.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Maura Wallin **SECONDED** a motion to issue Howard Thiery a new three-year term of employment. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Chase	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Neal Perron	Absent
Maura Wallin	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Couture	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeannie Young	Absent
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 7/12/16
Kathy Brown, Secretary