

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 12, 2016**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 12, 2016 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Maura Cawley, Joanne Nesti, Eric Couture, Sue Twachtman, Suzanne Sack, Kathy Brown, Susan Dean, Jeannie Young, Neal Perron (arrived at 8:16 PM), and Joel D'Angelo*

**Members Absent:** *Dan Chase*

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

**Visitors:** *Approx. 6*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM.*

**Review of input from Annual Hearing and possible budget modification**

*The Board discussed the input received from the public hearing. They also reviewed revenue, the courier salary line, and revenue from the Burr Elementary state-mandated preschool program. The Board also discussed the importance of not looking at the budget in terms of children against the bottom-line but promoting long-term sustainability of both the district and the two towns and making a fiscal plan for long-term sustainability, as well as the work that goes on during the year to help make more meaningful and farther-reaching reductions to the budget.*

**Board of Education adopts 2016-2017 budget for Annual Meeting**

*Susan Dean thanked those in the district and the Board of Education who have gone back to the budget and found cuts and reductions to the previous budget.*

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a regional education gross budget of \$41,872,751.73 for the fiscal year 2016-2017 beginning July 1, 2016. Motion passed 9-1-0 by the following votes:*

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joanne Nesti	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Chase	Absent	Neal Perron	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Maura Cawley	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

**Approval of Legal Call for May 25, 2016**

*Kathy Brown **MOVED** and Joanne Nesti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Legal Call as follows:*

A meeting of Regional School District No. 17 of the State of Connecticut, whose member towns are the towns of Haddam and Killingworth, will be held in the Central Office Board Room at 57 Little City Road, Higganum, Connecticut on May 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM for the following purposes:

- 1. To adopt a regional education gross budget of \$41,872,751.73 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016.

The meeting will be adjourned to a yes/no vote on the budget which will take place on the voting machines in each of the member towns on the day following the district meeting; therefore, the vote on voting machines will take place May 26, 2016.

- 2. To set the voting hours of the referendum vote on the budget for the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM pursuant to Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 94-245 and 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

A copy of the proposed budget recommended for adoption by the district Board of Education is on file and available for inspection and copies are available for distribution upon request at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 57 Little City Road, Higganum, CT and at the offices of the town clerks of Haddam and Killingworth.

*Motion passed 10-0-0 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	Absent	Neal Perron	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Maura Cawley	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
		Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>

*Board Chair Joel D'Angelo reminded members of the Board that now that the Legal Call has been adopted, district resources cannot be used to promote the Board of Education budget.*

**Adjournment**

*Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:45 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



Larissa B. Johnson  
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 6/7/16  
Kathy Brown, Secretary