

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**March 29, 2016**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 29, 2016 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Maura Cawley, Joanne Nesti, Eric Couture, Sue Twachtman, Suzanne Sack, Kathy Brown, Neal Perron, Susan Dean (arrived at 6:36), Jeannie Young (arrived 6:38), and Joel D'Angelo*

**Members Absent:** *Dan Chase*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

**Visitors:** *6*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.*

**Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2016-2017**

*Superintendent Thiery presented some changes to the Board that represented a reduction to the budget of \$84,542 based on a projected retirement and Capital items approved at the prior Board meeting. The Board then looked at several line items in further detail including New Equipment – General Instruction for the purchase of iPads at each elementary school, Technology Financing, New Equipment – District Technology, New Equipment – Security. Many of these line items represent the purchase of new equipment as part of a technology maintenance cycle – replacing old technology or security equipment that has broken down or needs to be updated. The Board also reviewed the Field Trip Transportation and Athletic Transportation lines and funding for classroom libraries. The Board also discussed salaries, increases and tuition reimbursement, training and development and unemployment. The Board then looked at snow plowing, repair maintenance, instructional supply at the high school, and the Dues and Fees and Periodicals lines. The cumulative changes made during the Board's review of the budget represent a 1.84% increase over the 2015-2016 budget. The Board discussed that they would like to continue to look at the budget process over the coming year.*

**Adjournment**

*Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:35 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Larissa B. Johnson*  
*Board Clerk*

Approval:  Date: 4/5/16  
*Kathy Brown, Secretary*