

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 22, 2016

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 22, 2016 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Members Present: *Maura Cawley, Susan Dean, Joanne Nesti, Eric Couture, Jeannie Young, Sue Twachtman, Suzanne Sack, Kathy Brown, Neal Perron, Dan Chase (arrived 7:24), and Joel D'Angelo*

Members Absent:

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: 12

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2016-2017

Superintendent Thiery distributed information to the Board regarding capital projects and special education, including a capital priority list and roof replacement schedule, as well as special education outplacements. The Board also discussed the remaining budget timeline, including the Annual Hearing date of April 5 and Referendum date of May 3. The Board discussed adding two additional budget workshop dates on March 29 and possibly March 31. The Board discussed Kindergarten paraeducator staffing levels and hours, the proposed mentored study skills position, and Library Media Specialist position. The Board also discussed reducing the number of 2nd Grade sections at HES from three to two, and several budget line items including rentals, the technology lease, building improvements, and instructional supply. The Board also talked about not renewing its membership with CAFE for 2016-2017. The Board briefly discussed the Student Activity budget line, courier service, homebound instruction salary, and cell phones. The Board revisited the discussion of the Mentored Study Skills program. On Thursday, the Board plans to review the capital priority list.

Request for Funds Related to ROM Estimates for High School Office Alternative

Dan Chase introduced two items discussed by the Facilities Subcommittee for consideration by the Board. The first item he discussed was the water supply for irrigation of the fields at the high school. He explained that the water supply for the high school field irrigation is supplied by a neighboring pond which is causing a build-up of slime to form on the field, preventing grass from taking root and proper drainage. He said that there are two proposed solutions: 1) purchase and install an aerator at a cost of approximately \$3,000-4,000, which may help the problem or 2) drill wells and install a water tank to supply irrigation for the fields, which would cost significantly the more. The Board briefly discussed these options.

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$4,000 from the Capital Fund for a water aerator. Motion passed 10-1-0 by the following votes:*

Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Joanne Nesti	YES <input 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	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 type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" 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"/>

The second item Dan Chase introduced was an idea to create a new entrance to the high school on the far side of the building, closer to the athletic fields, where many students and faculty already enter. He described the area and his proposal that the existing English classrooms by this entry be converted to administrative offices and the classrooms be relocated to the bridge where the administrative offices exist. He proposed that the Board seek a rough order of magnitude (ROM) for a design for this proposal. The Board discussed this proposal and what the request for an ROM would entail.

*Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Dan Chase **SECONDED** a motion to approve an expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the Capital Fund for a rough order of magnitude for the design of a new high school front entrance. Motion passed 9-2-0 by the following votes:*

Kathy Brown	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" 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	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 type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" 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"/>

Adjournment

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



*Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk*

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