

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Community Input on the 2016-2017 Budget
March 22, 2016

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 22, 2016 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Dan Chase*

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

Visitors: *17*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Community Input Regarding the Proposed Budget 2016-2017

Earle Decker of Higganum addressed the Board. He asked whether the budget would be presented at this meeting. Superintendent Thiery explained that the budget was presented at the beginning of March and will be presented again at the beginning of April.

Arthur E. Collins of Higganum addressed the Board. He expressed disappointment that there were not more residents in attendance to express their opinions regarding the budget to the Board. He said that the community needs to support our school system. Board Member Suzanne Sack asked Mr. Collins how he knew about the meeting, and he responded that he looks online and checks the Board schedule. He also mentioned that he attended one of the Superintendent's presentations of the budget at the Haddam Senior Center.

Myles Crete of Haddam addressed the Board. He expressed concern about taxes increasing as well as increasing education costs.

Adjournment

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

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