

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 10, 2016

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 10, 2016 in the Student Commons of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Dan Chase*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Director of Finance Martha Vaughn, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Holly Hageman, Haddam First Selectwoman Lizz Milardo, Selectmen Robert Duval, Haddam Board of Finance Chairman Joseph Centofanti, Haddam Board of Finance members David Kapitulik, Marjorie DeBold, and James Bucko, Killingworth First Selectwoman Catherine Iino, Selectman Fred Dudek, and Selectman Louis C. Annino Jr., and Killingworth Board of Finance members Nancy Gorski, Gwenne Celmer, Marcel Couture, and Robert Rimmer, and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson.*

Visitors: *4*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Joint Meeting of the Haddam and Killingworth Boards of Selectmen, Boards of Finance and Board of Education - Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2016-2017

Superintendent Thiery presented his Proposed Budget for 2016-2017. An interactive discussion between the Haddam Board of Selectmen, Killingworth Board of Selectmen, Haddam Board of Finance, Killingworth Board of Finance, and Region 17 Board of Education followed. The boards discussed meeting more frequently to share visions and work together more collaboratively. The Boards discussed the high school renovation referendum and discussed what projects it included. The Boards of Finance and Selectmen also suggested that the Board of Education communicate its long-term capital improvement and maintenance plan with the community. The Boards also discussed how the Capital Fund is funded, including the District's limitations on funding the Capital Fund. Superintendent Thiery explained that the District can only fund its Capital Fund at a maximum of 1% of the overall annual budget annually. The Boards also discussed how the Board of Education may better communicate information regarding the high school renovation project with the community going forward. The Boards also discussed student enrollment and staffing levels. Members of the Boards of Finance and Selectmen also expressed concern over the education budget increases and shared that they have concerns regarding the towns' ability to pay and continue raising taxes.

Adjournment

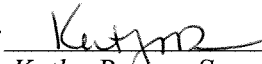
Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa Johnson

Board Clerk

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