

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**March 8, 2016**

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 8, 2016 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.*

***Members Present:** Maura Cawley, Susan Dean, Joanne Nesti, Eric Couture, Dan Chase, Jeannie Young, Sue Twachtman, and Joel D'Angelo*

***Members Absent:** Suzanne Sack, Kathy Brown, and Neal Perron*

***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:** 9*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.*

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

*The Board discussed the budget workshop process and Superintendent's Proposed 2016-2017 budget at length. The Board discussed the various methods of approach for reviewing and making changes to the budget. The Board also discussed that the proposed budget represents an increase of \$896,000 comprised in part of a \$490,000 increase to wages and benefits, and approximately \$210,000 contribution to the Capital Fund. The Board further discussed how contributions to the Capital Fund are limited annually to 1% of the budget by the State of Connecticut and the Board has funded it via the fund balance at the end of the fiscal year, rather than by budgeting for a contribution before the beginning of the fiscal year. The Board then discussed adding Kindergarten paraprofessionals back into the budget with one per school and an additional paraprofessional to be added for each Kindergarten class that has an enrollment of 15 or greater (minimum 16), with the suggestion that paras be shared between all sections.*

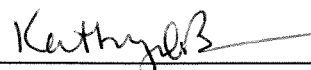
**Adjournment**

*Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:17 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*



Larissa B. Johnson  
Board Clerk

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