

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - EDUCATION SESSION
January 19, 2016

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on January 19, 2016, in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Neal Perron and Suzanne Sack

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Holly Hageman, and Board Clerk, Larissa Johnson

Visitors: 3

Call to order/opening of meeting

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

None

Board Liaison Reports

A. Curriculum Council

No report. The next meeting will be February 9, 2016 at 3:30 PM.

B. Curriculum Subcommittee

The subcommittee has not met. The next meeting will be February 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Sue Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to move New Business Items 5.A and 5.B to follow the Board Liaison Reports. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	Absent
Maura Cawley	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	Absent
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"/>

New Business

A. Review and Possible Revision of Policy 9325.2

The Board reviewed Policy 9325.2 – Bylaws of the Board: Order of Business which outlines the order of business in which the Board of Education will be transacted. The Board discussed adding a second “Audience of Citizens” prior to adjournment.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to update Board Policy 9325.2 to include an Audience of Citizens prior to the adjournment of the meeting. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	Absent
Maura Cawley	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	Absent
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"/>

B. Budget Workshop Dates

The Board discussed moving the Community Input Meeting and the Budget Workshop previously scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 to Tuesday, March 22, 2016 and moving the Budget Workshop previously scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016 to Thursday, March 24, 2016.

Sue Twachtman **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to amend the Budget Timeline to move the Community Input Meeting and the Budget Workshop to Tuesday, March 22, 2016 and moving the March 22, 2016 Budget Workshop to Thursday, March 24, 2016. Motion passed 9-0-0 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	Absent
Maura Cawley	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Suzanne Sack	Absent
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"/>

Old Business

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo suggested that the Board discuss how it should move forward in the High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade project. He presented a letter which was received earlier on January 19, 2016 from CREC where the project managers recommend a spring referendum date, which would allow expanded pre-construction work. The Board reviewed project timelines and a cash-flow analysis from CREC for a spring and fall referendum. The Board discussed what they felt would be an appropriate timeline for a second referendum and discussed what projects should be included in the referendum. CREC also suggested that the Board consider including the project referendum question on the ballot with the 2016-2017 fiscal budget referendum question. The Board also discussed the possibility of holding the project referendum at the end of March or a September or early fall referendum date. The Board discussed the impact having a spring referendum would have on the 2016-2017 budget. The Board talked about whether the core project, which includes the roof, boilers, solar voltaic panels, and interior and exterior lighting upgrades, should be the only items considered in the referendum. The Board also discussed whether the auditorium upgrades, high school entrance renovation, and artificial turf field should be included in the referendum package, as well as whether they should consider any additional projects, such as upgrades to the locker rooms or new windows. In the course of discussion, it was determined that a March 29, 2016 referendum date would not provide the Board with enough time to fully consider the project or prepare for the referendum. The Board then asked the Facilities Subcommittee to review the scope of work for the high school energy and facilities upgrade, as well as to review possible additional projects for consideration and asked them to report back to the full Board on April 19, 2016.

News and Information from the Board Chair

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo did not have any news or information to share.

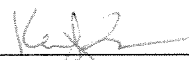
Adjournment

Board Chair Joel D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 2/2/16
Kathy Brown, Secretary