

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
October 26, 2015**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on October 26, 2015 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members Present: *Kathy Brown, Susan Dean, Joanne Nesti, Joel D'Angelo, Karen Perry, Becky Valenti, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Jeannie Young (arrived at 6:10), and Sue Twachtman*

Members Absent: *Michele Amendola and Dan Chase*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn, and Board Clerk, Larissa Johnson*

Visitors: *None*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Revised Referendum Timeline

Superintendent Thiery presented a three possible options revised timeline options. Option A included a Referendum date of December 8, with a public hearing date of November 5. Option B included a referendum date of December 15, with a public hearing date of November 12. Option C included a referendum date of January 12, 2016, with a public hearing date of December 8, 2015. The Board discussed these options at some length, including whether Options A and B appeared too rushed, the proximity of the Option B referendum date to Christmas and concerns regarding new Board members who are elected on November 3 not being as knowledgeable on the project. The Board also discussed whether the deadlines for public notice could be met. Board Clerk Larissa Johnson expressed that she felt the deadlines for posting public notices could be met in each of the options.

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Kathy Brown **SECONDED** a motion to approve referendum timeline Option B.*

Several Board members expressed that they felt that a referendum date of January 12, 2016 was too far out and were concerned about whether new Board members would support the referendum and wanted to be available in case of any additional glitches occur that require a vote or consultation with the Board.

Motion failed 2-7-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	Absent	Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dan Chase	Absent	Becky Valenti	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeannie Young	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Dean	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

Karen Perry **MOVED** and Kathy Brown **SECONDED** a motion to approve referendum timeline Option A.

Motion passed 7-2-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	Absent	Joanne Nesti	YES ___ NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A ___
Kathy Brown	YES ___ NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A ___	Karen Perry	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Dan Chase	Absent	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Jeannie Young	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Susan Dean	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___
Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ___ A ___		

Adjournment

Board Chair Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: Becky Valenti Date: NOV 3 2015
Becky Valenti, Secretary