

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**

**ANNUAL MEETING
May 4, 2015**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 4, 2015 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

***Members Present:** Susan Dean, Dan Chase, Kathy Brown, Becky Valenti, Joel D'Angelo, Michele Amendola, Jeannie Young, and Sue Twachtman*

***Members Absent:** Amy Jacques-Purdy, Brian Gamache, and Karen Perry*

***Also Present:** Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

***Visitors:** 9*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nominations for Moderator

*Paula Bucko of Higganum **MOVED** and Kim Thomas of Higganum **SECONDED** a motion to nominate Cheryl Haase of Higganum as moderator. Motion passed unanimously (16-0) by a voice vote.*

Cheryl Haase thanked the Board and the Superintendent for their hard work and dedication towards putting together this budget.

Legal Call Reading by Board Secretary

Moderator Cheryl Haase asked the Board Secretary, Becky Valenti to read the legal call. Valenti read the following legal call into the record:

A meeting of Regional School District No. 17 of the State of Connecticut, whose member towns are the towns of Haddam and Killingworth, will be held in the auditorium of Haddam-Killingworth High School on May 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education budget of \$41,477,946.42 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

The meeting will be adjourned to a yes/no vote on the budget which will take place on the voting machines in each of the member towns on the day following the district meeting; therefore, the vote on voting machines will take place May 5, 2015.

2. To set the voting hours of the referendum vote on the budget for the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM pursuant to Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 94-245 and 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

A copy of the proposed budget recommended for adoption by the district Board of Education is on file and available for inspection and copies are available for distribution upon request at the office of the Superintendent

of Schools at 57 Little City Road, Higganum, CT and at the offices of the town clerks of Haddam and Killingworth.

*Moderator Cheryl Haase **MOVED** and Art Collins **SECONDED** a motion to accept the legal call as read. Motion passed unanimously (16-0) by a voice vote.*

Adoption of Regional Education Budget 2014-2015

*Moderator Cheryl Haase **MOVED** and Erich Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a regional education budget in the amount of \$41,477,946.42 for the fiscal year 2015-2016 beginning July 1, 2015. Motion passed unanimously (16-0) by a voice vote.*

Moderator Cheryl Haase stated that no vote will be taken today because the meeting will adjourn to a referendum vote at the usual polling places on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Audience Questions

Moderator Haase asked the audience for questions. Mr. Art Collins asked why there is not a lot information about Region 17 published in the Middletown Press, to which Superintendent Thiery responded that Region 17 does send press releases to the Middletown Press but they are not always reported on. He then asked when the temporary buildings at HES and KES are going to be removed and if they land where they sat will be remediated, to which Superintendent Thiery explained that they will be removed over the summer and that reclamation and reconditioning of the ground will be included. Mr. Collins then asked about the status of the bus contract, to which Superintendent Thiery explained that the Board will be discussing the bus contract renewal at the Board meeting scheduled for May 5, 2015.

Motion to Set Voting Hours

*Moderator Cheryl Haase **MOVED** and Kim Thomas **SECONDED** a motion to set the voting hours of the referendum vote on the budget from the hours of 6 AM to 8 PM pursuant to Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 94-245 and 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Motion passed unanimously (19-0) by a voice vote.*

Adjournment

*Moderator Cheryl Haase **MOVED** and Kim Thomas **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn to a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 6, 2015. Motion passed unanimously (19-0) by a voice vote.*

Moderator Cheryl Haase resigned as moderator.

Board Chair Sue Twachtman called a motion for the meeting to adjourn.

Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM.
Motion passed unanimously (8-0) by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: Becky Valenti Date: June 2 2015
Becky Valenti, Secretary