

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

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 26, 2015 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

***Members Present:** Kathy Brown, Becky Valenti, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Dan Chase, Susan Dean, Michele Amendola, Joel D'Angelo and Sue Twachtman*

***Members Absent:** Jeannie Young, Karen Perry, and Brian Gamache*

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

***Visitors:** 13*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Proposed 2015-2016 budget. The Board reviewed much of the work done thus far on the budget and discussed staffing and enrollment at the elementary schools, including class sizes and the use of paraprofessionals. The Board also discussed reducing the Unemployment allocation by \$75,000 to offset other budget expenditures. The Board also discussed staffing positions at the high school guidance office as well as supervision in the morning at the high school by adding an AM monitor. The Board also discussed the importance of communicating the budget changes to the community. The Board also briefly discussed whether there were any additional opportunities for savings in facilities management and whether there were any additional items that might be paid for appropriately out of the Capital Fund.

Adjournment

Board Chair Sue Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



*Larissa Johnson
Board Clerk*

Approval:  Date: 4-7-15
Becky Valenti, Secretary