

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Budget Workshop
March 19, 2015**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 19, 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, Karen Perry, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Jeannie Young, Dan Chase, Susan Dean, Michele Amendola, and Sue Twachtman*

Members Absent: *Joel D'Angelo 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: *11*

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 discussed the updated insurance renewal, which came in approximately \$200,000 less under Willis's projection and approximately \$100,000 less under CIGNA's projection. They also discussed enrollment and staffing across the District. The Board also discussed reducing funding for classroom libraries. The Board also discussed Facilities maintenance items that could be funded out of the Capital Fund or performed on an as-needed basis and deferred to next year, security improvements at the high school, . They also discussed oil expenses and rate locks. Other discussions centered around periodicals and dues and fees, technology and software expenditures, club advisors at the elementary level, and athletic staffing, equipment needs and security, such as coverage at games by the State Troopers.

Adjournment

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Dan Chase **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel matters. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	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 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"/>	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	Jeannie Young	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Gamache	Absent		


The Board went into Executive Session at 9:25 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:15 PM and Board Chair Sue Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



*Larissa Johnson
Board Clerk*

Approval:  Date: 4-7-13
Becky Valenti, Secretary