

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
Budget Workshop
March 10, 2015**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 10, 2015 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM.

Members Present: *Amy Jacques-Purdy, Susan Dean, Kathy Brown, Becky Valenti, Michele Amendola, Karen Perry, Joel D'Angelo, Dan Chase (arrived at 6:41 PM), Jeannie Young, and Sue Twachtman*

Members Absent: *Brian Gamache*

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

Visitors: *7*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM.

Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Preliminary 2015-2016 budget. Representatives from the District's insurance broker, Willis, Joe Regan and Bitsy Hruska, and CIGNA representative, Mike Donnelly were present to provide information regarding the health insurance renewal with CIGNA and to answer questions.

The Board asked about the differences between the Willis and CIGNA renewal estimates. Renewal estimates showed a significant increase due to large claims activity. They also discussed the two-month administrative fee holiday given by CIGNA for the two months where Anthem claims were still being paid out at the time of transition. The Board also asked about increases in pharmacy and the CIGNA wellness program which has yet to be introduced. They discussed improving case management for high-claims cases and the implementation of the wellness program to assist with cost-savings long-term. The Board discussed these matters with the representatives from Willis and CIGNA.

Adjournment

*Joel D'Angelo **MOVED** and Karen Perry **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing student matters. Motion passed 10-0-0 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	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"/>
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 9:23 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:40 PM and Board Chair Sue Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson

Board Clerk

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