

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
August 5, 2014

REVISED

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on August 5, 2014 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

Members Present: *Susan Dean, Becky Valenti, Karen Perry, Kathy Brown, and Sue Twachtman*

Members Absent: *Brian Gamache, Dan Chase, Joel D'Angelo, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Michele Amendola, and Jeannie Young*

The requirement in attendance for a quorum was not met at this meeting.

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Director of Finance Martha Vaughn, and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

Visitors: *Approximately 15*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Audience of Citizens

Renee Mitchill, Mark Degnan, Jen Maxwell, Shannon Johnson, Tracy Sizer, and Emily Merriam of Haddam addressed the Board.

Approval of Minutes

- A.** Approval of Minutes for the July 15, 2014 Board of Education Special Meeting

Approval of minutes was postponed until the next Business Meeting of the Board.

Board Committee Reports and Future Meetings

- A. Facilities and Transportation Subcommittee**

Sue Twachtman updated the Board. The next meeting will be September 2, 2014.

- B. Finance Subcommittee**

Karen Perry updated the Board. The next meeting will be September 2, 2014.

- C. Policy Subcommittee**

No Report.

- D. Communications Subcommittee**

Susan Dean updated the Board.

E. Personnel and Evaluation Subcommittee

Karen Perry updated the Board.

Board Liaison Reports

A. Healthy Communities – Healthy Kids Council

Susan Dean updated the Board.

B. LEARN

Kathy Brown had no report.

C. Parks & Recreation

No report.

D. Haddam Board of Selectmen

Becky Valenti had no report.

E. Killingworth Board of Selectmen

No report.

Old Business

A. Personnel Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board regarding the hiring process for the upcoming school year. The Board also discussed the staffing at the Kindergarten and First Grade levels at Haddam Elementary School.

Consent Agenda

No items were presented for approval.

New Business

A. HKMS 2016 Field Trip to Washington D.C. – 4/27/16 – 4/29/16

Neil English presented the Washington D.C. trip in 2016 to the Board. The Board will consider the trip for approval at the next meeting of the Board.

B. Health Insurance

Superintendent Thiery presented a strategy for addressing upcoming concerns regarding the federally mandated tax on health insurance plans.

C. Teacher Negotiations

Superintendent Thiery outlined the timeline for negotiations with the teachers' union as required by the state and requested by the union.

From the Superintendent

A. Legislative Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board.

B. Personnel Report

Superintendent Thiery presented the Personnel Report.

From the Director of Fiscal Operations

No discussion.

From the Board Chair

No discussion.

Board Discussion – Areas of Opportunities for District Improvement

No discussion.

Adjournment

Board Chair Sue Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Becky Valenti, Secretary