

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**June 24, 2014**

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 24, 2014 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Susan Dean, Michele Amendola, Becky Valenti, Jeannie Young, Kathy Brown, Brian Gamache (arrived at 6:55 PM), and Sue Twachtman*

**Members Absent:** *Amy Jacques-Purdy, Karen Perry, Dan Chase and Joel D'Angelo*

**Also Present:** *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn, Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

**Visitors:** 2

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

*The Board Chair congratulated the graduating seniors and thanked HKHS Principal Charlie Macunas for his years of service to the district.*

**Old Business**

**A. Curriculum Subcommittee**

*Board Chair Sue Twachtman appointed Kathy Brown, Jeannie Young, and Amy Jacques-Purdy to the subcommittee and Dan Chase as Chair of the subcommittee.*

**New Business**

**A. Community Conversation on STEM Report**

*Suzanne Sack and Cathy Iino presented the Executive Summary on the 2014 H-K Community Conversation on Education – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and the Board discussed some ideas for action steps for the Community Conversation on Education Planning Committee to consider.*

## B. Discussion and possible approval of Budget Transfers

Becky Valenti **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve the budget transfers as presented. Motion passed 6-0-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	Absent	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		

## C. End of Year Budget Projection and Fund Balance Discussion

Martha Vaughn reported that the end of year budget projection for June 30, 2014 is approximately \$175,212.00.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to transfer the remaining Fund Balance to the Capital Fund. Motion passed 6-0-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	Absent	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		

## D. Capital Items

Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano presented "Summary of Budget Adjustments, 2014-2015 – Items to Be Considered from Capital," a list of proposed maintenance and improvement projects to be moved from the Operating Budget to be paid from the Capital Fund, as discussed during Budget Season.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to proceed with the items removed from the Operating Budget to the Capital Fund as recommended during Budget Season. Motion passed 6-0-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	Absent	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		

Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano then proposed that the District add additional parking at Haddam Elementary School by paving a portion of the playground area and basketball court to create 20 new parking spots and move the basketball court to the rear of the building.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$78,885 from the Capital Fund to improve the HES parking lot this summer. Motion passed 7-0-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

**E. Oak Hill Lease**

Superintendent Thiery presented the proposed lease with Oak Hill for the rental of two classrooms and facilities in the Old Middle School building, previously occupied by LEARN.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Building Use Agreement between the Connecticut Institute for the Blind also-known-as Oak Hill School and Regional School District No. 17 for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Motion passed 7-0-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

**F. Superintendent Contract**

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the Superintendent's contract. Motion passed 7-0-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:16 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:30 PM.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Jeannie Young **SECONDED** a motion to evergreen the Superintendent's contract for a three-year term. Motion passed 7-0-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent
Kathy Brown	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	Absent
Dan Chase	Absent	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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

## Adjournment

Board Chair Sue Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn at approximately 8:32 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Larissa B. Johnson  
Board Clerk

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Becky Valenti, Secretary