

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**

**ANNUAL MEETING
May 5, 2014**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 5, 2014 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Auditorium. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Brian Gamache, Dan Chase, and Karen Perry*

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

Visitors: *9*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nominations for Moderator

*Paula Bucko of Higganum **MOVED** and Erich Twachtman of Higganum **SECONDED** a motion to nominate Cheryl Haase of Higganum as moderator. Motion passed unanimously (19-0) by a voice vote.*

Legal Call Reading by Board Secretary

Moderator Cheryl Haase asked the Board Secretary, Becky Valenti to read the legal call. Valenti read the following legal call into the record:

A meeting of Regional School District No. 17 of the State of Connecticut, whose member towns are the towns of Haddam and Killingworth, will be held in the auditorium of Haddam-Killingworth High School on May 5, 2014 at 7:00 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education budget of \$40,028,420.02 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

The meeting will be adjourned to a yes/no vote on the budget which will take place on the voting machines in each of the member towns on the day following the district meeting; therefore, the vote on voting machines will take place May 6, 2014.

2. To set the voting hours of the referendum vote on the budget for the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM pursuant to Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 94-245 and 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

A copy of the proposed budget recommended for adoption by the district Board of Education is on file and available for inspection and copies are available for distribution upon request at the office of the Superintendent of Schools at 57 Little City Road, Higganum, CT and at the offices of the town clerks of Haddam and Killingworth.

Moderator Cheryl Haase **MOVED** and Paula Bucko **SECONDED** a motion to accept the legal call as read. Motion passed unanimously (19-0) by a voice vote.

Adoption of Regional Education Budget 2014-2015

Moderator Cheryl Haase **MOVED** and Erich Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a regional education budget in the amount of \$40,028,420.02 for the fiscal year 2014-2015 beginning July 1, 2014. Motion passed unanimously (11-0) by a voice vote.

Moderator Haase asked the audience for questions. Mr. Erich Twachtman of Higganum asked who is eligible to vote in the budget referendum. The registrar of voters from Killingworth, seated in the audience responded that people are eligible to vote if they have registered by October 1, and either own property or have a vehicle registered in one of the district towns.

Moderator Cheryl Haase stated that no vote will be taken today because the meeting will adjourn to a referendum vote at the usual polling places on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

Audience Questions

Moderator Cheryl Haase asked if there were any questions from the audience. No audience questions were brought before the Board.

Motion to Set Voting Hours

Moderator Cheryl Haase **MOVED** and Paula Bucko **SECONDED** a motion to set the voting hours of the referendum vote on the budget from the hours of 6 AM to 8 PM pursuant to Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 94-245 and 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Motion passed unanimously (19-0) by a voice vote.

Adjournment

Moderator Cheryl Haase **MOVED** and Paula Bucko **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn to a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Motion passed unanimously (19-0) by a voice vote.

Moderator Cheryl Haase resigned as moderator.

Board Chair Sue Twachtman called a motion for the meeting to adjourn.

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM. Motion passed unanimously (8-0) by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 6-3-2014
Becky Valenti, Secretary