

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
April 7, 2014**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 7, 2014 in the Student Commons of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Board of Education Chair, Sue Twachtman, called the meeting to order at 7:53 PM.

Members Present: *Jeannie Young, Michele Amendola, Kathy Brown, Susan Dean, Dan Chase, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Karen Perry, Becky Valenti, Brian Gamache and Sue Twachtman*

Members Absent: *Joel D'Angelo*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn, 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 7:53 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review of input from Annual Hearing and possible budget modification

Board member Amy Jacques-Purdy stated that with two years of budgets at 0% increases, there is not a lot of room to find excessive areas or "wolf meat" to cut in the budget and that but for the increases to Special Education spending and health insurance, the budget increase would have come in much closer to 0%. She also stated that she appreciated the co-operation of the teacher's union in the offering of the early retirement plan.

Sue Twachtman stated that the Board also plans to look into future possibilities for additional sources of income.

The Board made no modifications to the budget.

Board of Education vote: 2014-2015 Budget for Annual Meeting

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Board of Education proposed Gross Operating Budget of \$40,028,420.02 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year to be brought to the Annual Meeting on May 5, 2014. Motion passed 9-1-0 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 type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" 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	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

Approval of Legal Call for May 5, 2014

*Becky Valenti **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Legal Call as read 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 for 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.

Motion passed 9-1-0 by the following votes:

Michele Amendola	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Kathy Brown	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Karen Perry	YES <u> </u> NO <u>√</u> A <u> </u>
Dan Chase	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Becky Valenti	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Joel D'Angelo	Absent	Jeannie Young	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Susan Dean	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>	Sue Twachtman	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>
Brian Gamache	YES <u>√</u> NO <u> </u> A <u> </u>		

Adjournment

Board Chair Sue Twachtman called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: Becky Valenti Date: 5-6-14
Becky Valenti, Secretary