

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
June 26, 2012**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 26, 2012 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Members Present: *Susan Dean, Jonathan Wintsch, Steven Banaletti, Joel D'Angelo, Chet Harris, Becky Valenti, Peggie Bushey, Jaime Lehane and Karen Perry*

Members Absent: *Amy Jacques-Purdy and Sue Twachtman*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn, Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano, District Director of Pupil Services, Tracy Whaples, Student Representative Erin Buckley and Board Clerk Larissa Johnson*

Visitors: *4*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

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

Recognition of Student Representatives to the Board

Board Chair Karen Perry thanked Student Representative, Erin Buckley for her service and presented her with a thank you gift from the Board of Education. Student Representative Emily Meredith was unable to attend the meeting, but Board Chair Karen Perry expressed thanks for her service as well.

Special Education Coordinator Position

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Karen Perry **SECONDED** a motion to accept Sarah Smalley as new Special Education Coordinator. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:*

Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent	Peggie Bushey	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	Absent
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Steven Banaletti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Jaime Lehane	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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Jonathan Wintsch	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

Sarah Smalley was formally employed with Region 4 Schools, New Hartford Public Schools and her father was once Principal of Burr Elementary.

Board Chair Karen Perry stated that the Board is happy to meet Ms. Smalley and excited to have her. Susan Dean added that she enjoyed the interview with Ms. Smalley and that it is a warm feeling to have the Smalley family with us, and congratulated Ms. Smalley.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Budget Transfers

Jonathan Wintsch reported that the Finance Subcommittee reviewed the budget transfers presented. The Board briefly discussed the sick day pay-outs for teachers.

Jonathan Wintsch **MOVED** and Peggie Bushey **SECONDED** a motion to approve the budget transfers as presented. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent	Peggie Bushey	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	Absent
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Steven Banaletti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Jaime Lehane	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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Jonathan Wintsch	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

End of Year Budget Projection, Fund Balance and Capital Project Approval

Martha Vaughn reported that the end of year budget projection for June 30, 2012 is approximately \$591,000.

The Board discussed the Window Replacement Capital Project Item. Peggie Bushey recused herself from the discussion. The Board discussed the different bids submitted and decided to table further discussion and approval until the July 10, 2012 Board Meeting.

The Board briefly discussed the Pool Timing System Capital Project Item and the quote from Colorado Time Systems.

Becky Valenti **MOVED** and Steven Banaletti **SECONDED** a motion to approve the acquisition of a Pool Timing System in the amount of \$17,445.00 using Excess Operating Funds. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent	Peggie Bushey	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	Absent
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Steven Banaletti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Jaime Lehane	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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Jonathan Wintsch	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

The Board then discussed the Fund Balance and contributing up to 1% of the Fund Balance to the Capital Fund. Director of Fiscal Operations Martha Vaughn reported that there had been a balance of \$1.9 million in the Capital Fund, which was reduced by \$688,000 in completed projects and is encumbered by an additional \$228,000 in approved but uncompleted projects. The Board reviewed the Fund Balance contributions to the Capital Fund over the past four years: .75% in 2011, .57% in 2010, .88% in 2009, and .93 in 2008. The Board discussed that if the Capital Fund is underfunded, that the District may have to bond in order to complete necessary capital projects.

Chet Harris **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to approve a 1% contribution to the Capital Fund in the amount of \$380,800 from the Fund Balance. Motion passed 8-1-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent	Peggie Bushey	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	Absent
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Steven Banaletti	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Jaime Lehane	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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Jonathan Wintsch	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

Board Member Jaime Lehane brought up for consideration possibly making a contribution to the health care insurance line item because it was not fully funded in this upcoming year's budget. Board Chair Karen Perry responded that there is \$4.5 million in the reserve fund and that the report from Bob Lindberg, the District's insurance consultant specified that the reserve fund should have a minimum of \$2.5 million, thus there is an extra \$2 million in the reserve fund currently thus the Board contributed \$200,000 less than budgeted in the Superintendent's proposed budget and that she would prefer to see the extra money be returned to the towns.

Adjournment

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Becky Valenti **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed by a voice vote 9-0-0.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:36.

The Board returned to Public Session.

Jonathan Wintsch **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to approve Superintendent Howard Thiery's contract and written evaluation. Motion passed 9-0-0 by the following votes:

Amy Jacques-Purdy	Absent	Peggie Bushey	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	Absent
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Steven Banaletti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Jaime Lehane	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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Jonathan Wintsch	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

Board Chair Karen Perry called for the meeting to adjourn at approximately 7:56.

Respectfully submitted,



Larissa B. Johnson
Board Clerk

Approval: Susan Dean Date: 7/10/2012
Susan Dean, Secretary