

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
April 2, 2012**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 2, 2012 in the Student Commons of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM.

Members Present: Steven Banaletti, Peggie Bushey, Joel D'Angelo, Susan Dean, Chet Harris, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Jaime Lehane, Karen Perry, Sue Twachtman, Becky Valenti

Members Absent: Jonathan Wintsch

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery and Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn

Visitors: 1

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called the meeting to order at 7:26PM.

Review of input from Annual Hearing and possible budget modification

Karen Perry stated that the input received consisted mostly of questions. The Board made no modifications to the budget.

Board of Education adopts 2012-2013 Budget for Annual Meeting

*Jaime Lehane **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year of 2012-2013 Gross Operating Budget of \$38,894,732.84 and the Net Budget Request of \$37,886,401.58 to be brought to the Annual Meeting on May 7, 2012. Motion passed by the following votes:*

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"/>
Peggie Bushey	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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Susan Dean	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"/>
Chet Harris	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Susan Dean **SECONDED** a motion to authorize the Administration to use Fund 11 to re-sod field for Girls' Field Hockey Team, the amount not to exceed \$14,000. Motion passed by the following votes:*

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"/>
Peggie Bushey	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Perry	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"/>	Sue Twachtman	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"/>	Becky Valenti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>
Chet Harris	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent
Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/>		

Approval of Legal Call for May 7, 2012

*Susan Dean **MOVED** and Amy Jacques-Purdy **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Legal Call for May 7, 2012. Motion passed by the following votes:*

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"/>
Peggie Bushey	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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Susan Dean	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"/>
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent		
Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>				

The Legal Call was read into the record as follows:

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 7, 2012 at 7:00 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education budget of \$38,894,732.84 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.

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 8, 2012.

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.

The Board had some further discussion regarding the budget. Chet Harris stated some concern about overall increases in the budget – a \$14 million increase over the past ten years and urged the Board to do better in the coming years. Amy Jacques-Purdy responded and cited reasons for increases, such as technology improvements that facilitate 21st century learning. She stated that the Superintendent has been creative and worked out of the box. Karen Perry stated that a .14% increase, representing an increase of only \$58,000 was amazing compared to the contract increases for teaching salaries. The Board further discussed that it would like to continue to see reports that demonstrate the improvements and progress in student learning and complimented Superintendent Thiery on the transparency of the budget and the “apples-to-apples” comparisons of budget items from this year’s budget to last year’s.

Adjournment

*Amy Jacques-Purdy **MOVED** and Peggie Bushey **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion passed by the following votes:*

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"/>
Peggie Bushey	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"/>
Joel D'Angelo	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"/>
Susan Dean	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"/>
Chet Harris	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Wintsch	Absent		
Amy Jacques-Purdy	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>				

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson

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Board Clerk

Approval: *Susan Dean* Date: *5/1/2012*
Susan Dean, Secretary