

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

*A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 26, 2012 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.*

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

**Members Absent:** *Chet Harris and Jonathan Wintsch*

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

**Visitors:** *6*

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

*Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.*

**Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2012-2013 Budget**

*The Board discussed the Superintendent's Proposed 2012-2013 budget at length. The Board discussed funding Account 222 for health insurance at 4.6 million instead of 4.8 million. The Board also debated paying for some of the items from Account 730 for New Equipment out of the Fund 06 for capital expenditures. The Board talked about paying for sod for the Field Hockey field out of Fund 11 and discussed investigating long-term solutions to the sod issue on that field. The Board also discussed the field maintenance account, Account 439 and Account 530 for telephone service for Haddam-Killingworth High School and cell phone service for administrators. The Board also noted a correction, where Account 625 for heating fuel for Transportation Oil #2 should actually be in Account 303 as it is actually for heating oil for the Youth and Family Services building, which is reimbursed by Youth and Family Services and Parks and Recreation. In addition, the Board discussed snow removal costs, the cost of the new emergency alert system to replace Honeywell, propane usage, and the cost of substitute teachers, nurses and paraprofessionals. The Board also discussed the transition of the boys' lacrosse club to a Varsity team. The changes discussed by the Board represented a possible change in the increase in the 2012-2013 budget from 0.89% to 0.17% over the 2011-2012 budget.*

*The Board also discussed how to present class size in its presentation of the budget.*

**Adjournment**

*Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:38 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Larissa B. Johnson*

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Board Clerk

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