

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 20, 2012**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 20, 2012 in the Central Office Board Room. Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry, called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

Members Present: *Peggie Bushey, Susan Dean, Chet Harris, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Jaime Lehane, Karen Perry, Sue Twachtman, Becky Valenti and Jonathan Wintch (departed at 8:15 PM)*

Members Absent: *Steven Banaletti and Joel D'Angelo*

Also Present: *Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn*

Visitors: *3*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed 2012-2013 Budget

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Proposed 2012-2013 budget at length. The discussion began with a presentation by Bob Lindberg of Lindberg & Ripple regarding the Regional District 17 Self-Funded Health Insurance Claim Trends and Reserve Requirements. Members of the Board asked questions of Mr. Lindberg regarding what the Board should have in reserves balanced against health insurance claim predictions as well as discussed premium holidays for teachers and administration. The Board urged Mr. Lindberg to further discuss the stop-loss increase of 14% with Anthem, the health insurance provider. In addition to discussing health insurance, the Board also discussed the following budget items: cell phone usage, courier service, copier leasing, worker's compensation, purchase services, sports field maintenance, the vehicles in the District's fleet, social security contributions and pension plans, telephone systems, special education, modular classroom leases, instructional supplies and textbooks, transportation, heating oil, propane, diesel fuel, and other budget related matters.

Adjournment

Board of Education Chair, Karen Perry called for the meeting to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson

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Board Clerk

Approval: *Susan Dean* Date: *4/3/2012*
Susan Dean, Secretary