

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 6, 2012

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on March 6, 2012 in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Community Room. Board of Education Acting Chair, Jonathan Wintsch, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Members Present: *Peggie Bushey (arrived at 6:33 PM), Joel D'Angelo, Susan Dean, Chet Harris, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Jaime Lehane, Karen Perry, Sue Twachtman, Becky Valenti and Jonathan Wintsch*

Members Absent: *Steven Banaletti*

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

Visitors: *16*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board of Education Acting Chair, Jonathan Wintsch called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2012-2013

Superintendent Howard Thiery presented the Regional School District 17 2012-2013 Superintendent's Proposed Budget.

Superintendent Thiery reviewed the Budget Process with a timeline of contributions and input made by the district's administrators. He also defined budget language to give clarity to the proposed budget. The Superintendent's Proposed Gross Operating Budget is \$39,176,011.66 reflecting a 3.06% increase over the 2011-2012 budget and his Proposed Net Budget Request is \$38,167,680.40 reflecting a 0.89% increase over the 2011-2012 budget. His presentation included details such as the sources and amounts of revenue and how the budget was allocated by location (each school and the district), by discretionary and non-discretionary spending and by areas of spending such as Salary, Tuition, Buildings and Grounds, Learning Programs, Support Programs, Technology, Transportation, Administration, Benefits and Debt.

The goals the Superintendent is seeking to achieve through this budget are Fiscal Conservation and Programmatic Innovation. Superintendent Thiery discussed changes to Capital Improvement Savings and Planning in the district, the Health Insurance Savings Account, Refinancing Bonds, and new Copier and Electrical Contracts to demonstrate Fiscal Conservation. He also discussed "Budgetary Equity" defining Instructional and Other Supply spending as per student and Professional Development spending as per full-time equivalent.

As examples of Programmatic Innovation, Thiery discussed the district's Columbia University Affiliation: Readers and Writers Workshop (K-5) which includes participation in the Summer Reading Institute a program for sixty teachers to go through training, which will be grant funded; and expanding classroom libraries in grades Kindergarten through 5; as well as the addition of an Advanced Placement Chemistry Program at the High School increased support for Literacy and Numeracy at Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, a new student information system, improved IT infrastructure, inclusion of Varsity Boys Lacrosse,

and improved Administrative support in Pupil Services. In addition, Thiery discussed a cost-negative plan for Administrative Restructuring to improve curricular consistency including the addition of K-12 Curriculum Coordinators and a Dean of Academics at Haddam-Killingworth High School.

Adjournment

Peggie Bushey **MOVED** and Karen Perry **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.
Motion passed by the following votes:

Steven Banaletti	Absent	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	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"/>		

Respectfully submitted,

Larissa B. Johnson

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Board Clerk

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