

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
STRATEGIC CAPITAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
(BOARD WORKSHOP)
October 17, 2017

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education Strategic Capital Planning Subcommittee was held on October 17, 2017 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Members Present: *Kathy Brown, Peter Sonski, Eric Couture, Maura Wallin, Suzanne Sack, Jeannie Young, Joanne Nesti, Dan Chase, Sue Twachtman, and Joel D'Angelo*

Members Absent: *Susan Dean*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Martha Vaughn, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Shelia Ward, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Ryan Mackenzie, Principal of Burr Elementary School, Eric Larson, Principal of Haddam Elementary School, Brienne Whidden, Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed, Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay, Special Education Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone, District Technology Manager, Scott Butson, Director of Facilities, Michael Distefano, Killingworth Board of Selectwoman, Catherine Iino (Arrived 6:32 PM) and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *Approximately 17*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.*

Presentation and Discussion of the Strategic Capital Planning Report on District Restructuring: *Suzanne Sack updated the Board. She thanked everyone for coming and stated that she is trying to create a dialog on what they are trying to accomplish within the two scheduled SCP Board Workshops. She handed out SCP District Revision Scenarios to the Board as well as to the Community that was in attendance.*

She spoke on creating a plan that meets certain instructional and educational objectives of the school district that utilizes capital assets in an effective way as well Capital Plan/Funding Resources. She went over Phase I which is an outline of Inventory Capital Assets, Building Utilization Analysis and Enrollment Trends and Projections. She spoke on The Operating Budget in terms of Enrollment, the Impact of the State Budget for the Connecticut Municipalities and School Districts as well as developing the Scenarios for RSD17 that are both educational and fiscally sound. She briefly went over how tonight is Workshop I, to create and open Board dialog for understanding and then Workshop II is for choosing a scenario and then Community engagement.

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He went through each Strategic Facilities Planning District Revision Scenario which included a description of the possible elimination and/or restructuring of a school, and the amount of students that would be enrolled at each school if changes were made. He outlined the possibility of any Renovation and Construction, the Educational and Program Impact, as well as the Staffing

Impact. Lastly, he went over the Financial Impact for Staffing and Infrastructure it would have on the District.

Suzanne stressed the importance of making a sound decision as soon as possible because she knows the importance it would have for our Community to know what direction we are headed. She spoke on how a new Board will be appointed in November and they will still move forward to get them up to speed. Lastly, Superintendent Thiery stated that at the end of the 2nd Workshop, the Board can adopt a three bullet plan for moving forward.

Board Chair, D'Angelo, stated that at the end of the 2nd Workshop, the goal is to have 2-3 scenarios and a timeline of steps forward. He also spoke on how they will schedule, possibly in January, a Community Input Meeting to hear the voices of how everyone is feeling about what is being brought forward for consideration.

Adjournment:

Board Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 11/14/17
Kathy Brown, Secretary