

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING
April 6, 2021

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on April 6, 2021 in the Cafeteria of the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM.

Members Present: *Peter Sonski, Joel D'Angelo, Jennifer Favalora, Eileen Blewett, Prem Aithal, Kathleen Zandi, Shawna Goldfarb (Via Remote) Joanne Nesti, Brenda Buzzi (Via Remote) and Suzanne Sack*

Members Absent: *Dr. Nelson Rivera*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Ann Adriani, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Donna Hayward (Via Remote), Assistant Principal of Haddam-Killingworth High School, Adam Apicella (Via Remote), Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Middle School, Dolores Bates (Via Remote), Principal of Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School, Eric Larson (Via Remote), Principal of Burr Elementary School, Brienne Whidden (Via Remote), Principal of Killingworth Elementary School, Dennis Reed (Via Remote), Director of Student Services, Dr. Kris Lindsay-Stevens (Via Remote), Student Services Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone (Via Remote), Curriculum Coordinators, Heather Rigatti (Via Remote) and Jennifer Beermuender (Via Remote)*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Annual Hearing held prior to this meeting.*

Review of Input of Annual Hearing and Possible Budget Modification:

The Board discussed the late buses and after school monitors at length with the Superintendent including data on ridership, the costs associated with buses, expectations of after school club and sports participation post-Covid, and adding an hour to after school supervision to give parents more time after work to pick up students. The Board agreed to extend after school supervision at the schools and monitor the situation in case there is a need to reinstate late buses to encourage after school participation.

The Board discussed the transfer amount from the Insurance Fund and agreed to keep it at \$208,000.

Finally, the Board had a brief discussion to clarify the Insurance Fund.

Board of Education Adopts 2021-2022 Budget for Annual Meeting:

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a Regional School District #17 Gross Education Budget of \$42,749,049.19 for the fiscal year of 2021-2022 starting July 1, 2021.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following votes:

Kathleen Zandi	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Sonski	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Nelson Rivera	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Eileen Blewett	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	A	<input type="checkbox"/>

Shawna Goldfarb	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Favalora	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"/>
Brenda Buzzi	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	A	<input type="checkbox"/>

Joanne Nesti YES NO A

Prem Aithal YES NO A

Suzanne Sack YES NO A

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 at the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School Cafeteria and via Google Hangouts Meets Video Conference Live Stream on May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education gross budget of \$42,749,049.19 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

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 4, 2021.

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, posted on the RSD17 District Website and at the offices of the town clerks of Haddam and Killingworth.

Setting HKHS Graduation Date - Wednesday, June 16, 2021:

*Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to set the Haddam-Killingworth High School Graduation date as June 16, 2021.*

Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0 by the following votes:

Kathleen Zandi YES NO A

Shawna Goldfarb YES NO A

Peter Sonski YES NO A

Jennifer Favalora YES NO A

Dr. Nelson Rivera Absent

Joel D'Angelo YES NO A

Eileen Blewett YES NO A

Brenda Buzzi YES NO A

Joanne Nesti YES NO A

Prem Aithal YES NO A

Suzanne Sack YES NO A

Consent Agenda:

A. 5000 Policy Series First Read: Fundraising 5136.1, Student Dress 5132(a) - P, Chemical Health Policy for Student Athletes 5131.7, Educational Stability Procedures for Transportation 5160.1, Pledge of Allegiance 5157 - P, Physical Activity and Student Discipline 5144.2

B. Enrollment Report

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Prem Aithal **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Board Member, Jennifer Favalora, asked to remove Student Dress 5132(a) – Policy from the Consent Agenda.*

Consensus from all Board Members to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by way of Show of Hands was unanimous.

The Board had further discussion about the Student Dress Code Policy as it was presented. The consensus of the Board was to hold off on the first read of this policy and to come back and discuss if there are ways to make this policy clearer for all involved who are subject to it and who have to enforce it.

Old Business:

5000 Policy Series Second Read: Transportation 5160 and Field Trips 5136

The Board discussed small modifications to the Transportation and Field Trip Policies made between the first read and the second read and additional suggested modifications.

Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve 5000 Policy Series Second Read: Transportation 5160 and Field Trips 5136 with the Change to Transportation.

Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Shawna Goldfarb	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Sonski	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Favalora	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Nelson Rivera	Absent			Joel D'Angelo	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Eileen Blewett	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Brenda Buzzi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Nesti	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Prem Aithal	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
				Suzanne Sack	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia
Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary