

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION– SPECIAL MEETING**  
**May 20, 2021**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 20, 2021 via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.*

**Members Present:** *Brenda Buzzi, Jennifer Favalora, Eileen Blewett, Prem Aithal, Joanne Nesti, Kathleen Zandi, Peter Sonski and Suzanne Sack*

**Members Absent:** *Dr. Nelson Rivera, Joel D'Angelo and Shawna Goldfarb*

**Also Present:** *Dr. Joseph Erardi, JE Consulting*

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**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:** *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.*

**Superintendent Search Consultant:** *Board Chair, Sack, explained the purpose of the meeting was to approve the expenditure to hire a search firm for the search for our next Superintendent.*

*Board Member, Brenda Buzzi, introduced Dr. Joseph Erardi, Jr. of JE Consulting.*

*Dr. Erardi gave an overview of the services his firm offers and how he would run a Superintendent search for RSD17. Dr. Erardi answered questions from the Board about the Timeline for a Search, the Pool of Applicants RSD17 could expect, Covid Impacts on Superintendent Searches, and Community and Stakeholder Input.*

*Dr. Erardi left the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.*

*The Board recessed into a Non-Meeting at 6:46 pm.*

*The Board reconvened to the Special Meeting at 6:51 p.m.*

**Brenda Buzzi *MOVED* and Peter Sonski *SECONDED* a motion to hire JE Consulting to run the Executive Search for the Superintendent with an expenditure of no more than \$15,000. In addition, this expenditure will support help with the search for an Interim Superintendent, if needed.**

*Motion passed unanimously 8-0-0 by the following Votes:*

Kathleen Zandi	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>	Shawna Goldfarb	Absent
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	Absent
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"/>

*Prem Aithal **MOVED** and Kathleen Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.*

*Motion passed unanimously by way of a Show of Hands.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jennifer Favalora  
Board Secretary*