

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – EDUCATION SESSION
May 18, 2021

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 18, 2021 in the Cafeteria of the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School. Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Joel D’Angelo and Dr. Nelson Rivera*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Finance, Ann Adriani, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Curriculum Coordinators, Jennifer Beermunder and Heather Rigatti, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)*

Guests: *None.*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Report from Chairman about new BOE Meeting Format and Process Under the Governor’s Order:

Board Chair, Sack, spoke briefly about still being under the Governor’s Order and operating Board meetings in-person and remotely until June when it goes back to just in-person with the public being able to attend.

Public Comment: *None.*

Consent Agenda: 5000 Series: Recommendations for finalizing the 5000 series:

*Joanne Nesti **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve the 5000 Series: Recommendations for Finalizing the 5000 Series as a First Read.*

Motion passed unanimously by a 9-0-0 Voice Vote.

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					
Eileen Blewett	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"/>
Suzanne Sack	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	Absent					
Brenda Buzzi	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"/>

Old Business:

A. Policy #5132 Dress Code: Second Read

Jennifer Favalora **MOVED** and Kathy Zandi **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Dress Code Policy #5132 as presented.

A brief discussion took place regarding modifying the existing language within the policy.

Kathy Zandi **WITHDREW her SECONDED.**

Jennifer Favalora **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Dress Code Policy #5132 as presented.

Motion passed by a 7-1-1 Voice Vote.

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

New Business:

A. Financial Report, FY 2020; Michele Loso, Auditor

Michele Loso updated the Board. She spoke about the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2020.

B. Strategic Planning Proposal

Prem Aithal updated the Board. He spoke about recommendation to work with Laurie Kimbrel. He spoke briefly about the 3 phases, Community Survey and costs associated with same.

Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Shawna Goldfarb **SECONDED** a motion to approve a letter of intent for the Board to go forward with the contract and associated costs as presented.

Motion passed by a 7-2-0 Voice Vote.

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

Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Brenda Buzzi **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously by a Show of Hands.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary