

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING
(BOARD WORKSHOP)
May 18, 2021

A special 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 and via Google Meets Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

Members Present: *Peter Sonski, Jennifer Favalora, Eileen Blewett, Prem Aithal, Kathleen Zandi, Joanne Nesti, Brenda Buzzì, 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 Operations, John Mercier, Curriculum Coordinators, Jennifer Beermunder and Heather Rigatti*

Guests: *None.*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in the previous meeting.*

Accelerating Learning in the Face of a Pandemic:

Superintendent Dr. Holly Hageman opened the meeting with an introduction to the presentation. The purpose of the workshop was to share the impacts of COVID on teaching and learning and how students have responded to instruction and intervention to date. Dr. Hageman introduced Curriculum Coordinators, Jennifer Beermunder and Heather Rigatti, who shared details on the Data Review Cycles to monitor student growth and performance as well as the steps that have been taken in both Literacy and Math. Jennifer and Heather updated the Board on recent Grade Level Assessments in relation to data taken in the Fall and data taken from the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic school years. Additionally, the Board was updated on the intended use of anticipated ESSER II and ESSER III to further accelerate student learning. The Board asked about Summer Learning and Credit Recovery Programs, Student Intervention and Hiring of Interventionists, High School Subject Mastery for future success, High School Finals, and programs for students who have excelled.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Favalora
Board Secretary