

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
May 3, 2021**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 3 2021 in the Cafeteria of the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School and through Google Meet Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

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

Members Absent: *Shawna Goldfarb*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Holly Hageman, Director of Operations, John Mercier, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)*

Community Members Present for District Meeting: *3*

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Call to Order/Opening of Meeting: *Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

Nominations For a Moderator for the District Meeting:

*Robin Duffield of Killingworth **MOVED** and Jamie Sciascia of Higganum **SECONDED** a motion to appoint John Mercier of Haddam as the Moderator. Motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.*

Legal Call reading by the Board Secretary:

Moderator John Mercier asked the Board Secretary, Jennifer Favalora, to read the Legal Call. Jennifer Favalora read the Legal Call into the record as follows:

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 in the Cafeteria of the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School on May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education 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.

*Moderator John Mercier of Haddam **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Legal Call as read. Motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.*

Regional Education Budget 2021-2022:

*Moderator John Mercier of Haddam **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a Regional Education Budget in the amount of \$42,749,049.19 for the fiscal year 2021-2022 beginning July 1.*

Moderator John Mercier stated that no vote will be taken at this time and this meeting will adjourn to a referendum vote at the usual polling places on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Audience Questions:

No one in the audience raised any questions.

Set Voting Hours:

*Moderator John Mercier of Haddam **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to set the voting hours of the referendum vote on the budget from 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. Motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.*

Adjournment:

*Moderator John Mercier of Haddam **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn the District Meeting to a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. Motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.*

Moderator John Mercier requested he resign from his position as Moderator of the District Meeting.

Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, called a motion for the Board of Education Special meeting to adjourn.

*Peter Sonski **MOVED** and Joel D'Angelo **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn the Board of Education Special Meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.*

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

Approval: _____ *Date:* _____
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary