

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING**  
**August 3, 2021**

*A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on August 3, 2021 in the Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate/Middle School Cafeteria and via Google Hangouts Meet Video Conference (Live Stream). Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM*

**Members Present:** *Joanne Nesti, Prem Aithal, Joel D’Angelo, Jennifer Favalora, Eileen Blewett, Kathleen Zandi, Brenda Buzzi, Dr. Nelson Rivera, Shawna Goldfarb, and Suzanne Sack*

**Members Absent:** *Peter Sonski*

**Also Present:** *Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. JeanAnn Paddyfote, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, Pamela Hensel, Haddam-Killingworth High School Assistant Principal, Adam Apicella (Via Remote), Haddam-Killingworth High School Principal, Donna Hayward (Via Remote), Curriculum Coordinators, Heather Rigatt and Jennifer Beermuender (Via Remote), Haddam-Killingworth Intermediate School Principal, Eric Larson (Via Remote), Pupil Services Coordinator, Tonya Gorgone (Via Remote), Director of Finance, Ann Adriani, Director of Operations, John Mercier, Nurse Coordinator, Lori Kenney, Director of Food Services, Sharon Shettleworth, Caryn Luneau, Lou Hosking, Jeffrey Wihbey, Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia (Via Remote)*

**Visitors:** *None.*

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**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:**

*Board of Education Chair, Suzanne Sack, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.*

*Kathy Zandi **MOVED** and Eileen Blewett **SECONDED** a motion to elect Jeffrey Wihbey as the Superintendent of Schools for Regional School District No. 17.*

*Board Secretary, Jennifer Favalora, read Mr. Jeffrey Wihbey’s Bio Background to the Board and Community.*

*Board Chair, Suzanne Sack, read a brief statement regarding the hiring process of Mr. Wihbey as well as spoke about his excellent qualifications of why he was selected as the new Superintendent of RSD17.*

*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"/>	Shawna Goldfarb	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Sonski	Absent			Jennifer Favalora	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Nelson Rivera	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"/>
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"/>

Brenda Buzzi **MOVED** and Dr. Nelson Rivera **SECONDED** a motion to approve the 3-year Contract between RSD17 Board of Education and Jeffrey Wihbey in the form of the draft previously presented and reviewed by the Board.

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"/>	Shawna Goldfarb	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Sonski	Absent			Jennifer Favalora	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	A <input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Nelson Rivera	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"/>
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"/>

Jeffrey Wihbey addressed the Board and Community. He thanked the Board and Community that he was given this opportunity and expressed his excitement about getting started in October. He is looking forward to continuing to build on the strong foundation that has been established within the District and moving the District to the next Level of Excellence.

Board Member, Brenda Buzzi, on behalf of the Board of Education, acknowledged and thanked Dr. Joe Erardi of JE Consulting for his hard work and diligence in gathering 30 exceptional candidates for the Board of Education and Advisory Committee to review. The Board is grateful to the Advisory Committee for their time and input in helping them come to this decision.

**Adjournment:**

Board Chair, Sack, called for the meeting to adjourn at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Sciascia  
Board Clerk

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Favalora, Secretary