



**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
Date: March 5, 2024**

The Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education meeting was held on March 5, 2024, in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Cafeteria.

**Board Member Attendance**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Prem Aithal	X		Dr. Nelson Rivera (remote)	X	
Lisa Connelly	X		Corey Roberts	X	
Jennifer Favalora	X		Suzanne Sack	X	
Shawna Goldfarb (remote left mtg 8:11 pm)	X		Jennifer Voegtli	X	
Hamish MacPhail (remote)	X		Dr. Kathleen Zandi	X	
Heather Pach	X				

**Also Present**

Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Miller, Finance & Operations Director Ben Whittaker, Director of Student Services Dr. Aaron Puzarne, Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser, IT Manager Denis Recchia, Killingworth First Selectmen Eric Couture, Killingworth Board of Selectmen Member Joel D’Angelo, Killingworth Board of Finance Members Annie Stirna, Marcel Couture, Sara O’Brien, Michael Kovacs (remote), and William Kosturko, Haddam First Selectman Robert McGarry, Haddam Board of Selectmen Members Kate Anderson and Peter Baird, Haddam Board of Finance Members Joseph Centofanti, Wayne Rutty, Marc Adelberg, Marijean Conrad, Gigi Simko, Emily Carrow (remote), Ryan Thompson and Finance Director Ann Harter

**Visitors - 2**

**Call to Order/Opening of Meeting**

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Joint Meeting of the Board of Education, Boards of Finance, and Boards of Selectmen for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth - Presentation of the Superintendent's Proposed 2024-2025:**

Superintendent Wihbey presented the Regional School District No. 17 2024-2025 Proposed Budget to the Boards of Finance and Boards of Selectmen for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth.

He discussed major budget drivers in the areas of:

- Salaries (Existing and Position Cuts)
- Health Insurance (Premiums)
- Professional Services (Financial Operations)
- Facilities Professional Services (HVAC Inspections)
- Transportation (of Students)
- SPED Tuition (Out-of-District Costs)
- Utilities (Electricity)
- Capital Improvements (Build/Tech)
- Equipment (School Based)
- Debt Services (Bonds)

A discussion between all three Boards about the proposed budget took place directly after.

**Adjournment**

Board Chair Sack adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser  
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Kathleen Zandi, Board Secretary