



**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP–REVISED
Date: March 12, 2024**

The Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education meeting was held on March 12, 2024, in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Community Room.

Board Member Attendance

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Prem Aithal	X		Dr. Nelson Rivera	X	
Lisa Connelly	X		Corey Roberts	X	
Jennifer Favalora (Remote)	X		Suzanne Sack	X	
Shawna Goldfarb	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, Principal Donna Hayward, Athletic Director Lynne Flint, Assistant Principal Adam Apicella, Principal Dorothy Ventura (Remote), and Curriculum Coordinators Heather Rigatti and Jennifer Beermuender

Visitors - 0

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Prem Aithal provided an opening statement and welcomed the High School staff to the workshop.

Principal Hayward presented the primary proposed budget requests for the high school to the Board. The high school has requested textbooks, equipment, instructional supplies, and budget

funds to maintain current programs. Principal Hayward reviewed the Board's inquiries on various line items.

Principal Hayward, Assistant Apicella, and Director Flint left the meeting.

Director Whittaker spoke to the Board about the Finance and Operations accounts on the proposed budget. He provided the Board with an account listing of the budget items proposed this year, the variances, and an explanation from the FY24 adopted budget. Director Whittaker also reviewed the District's capital project priority list, the Capital Reserve fund status, HKHS Bond Status, HK Cubs Status, and the Food Services Status.

Heather Rigatti, Jennifer Beermuender, and Dorothy Ventura left the meeting.

The Board discussed the process for the upcoming budget meetings scheduled for March 19th and March 26th.

Director Whittaker, Director Puzarne, and Board Administrator Kaiser left the meeting.

The Board discussed the budget strategies wrap-up and next steps.

Adjournment

Board Chair Sack adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

Approval: _____ Date: _____
Dr. Kathleen Zandi, Board Secretary