REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
Date: March 11, 2025

The Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education meeting was in the Haddam-Killingworth Community Room on March 11, 2025.

Board Member Attendance:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Joseph Centofanti	X		Dr. Nelson Rivera (remote)	X	
Sonja Charpentier	X		Corey Roberts	X	
Lisa Connelly		X	Suzanne Sack (remote)	X	
Jennifer Favalora	X		Jennifer Voegtli	X	
Shawna Goldfarb	X		Dr. Kathleen Zandi	X	
Heather Pach	X				

Also Present Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Wihbey, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Miller, Director of Finance and Operations Alison Pierce, Director of Student Services Dr. Aaron Puzarne, Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser, Curriculum Coordinators Jennifer Beermuender and Heather Rigatti, Principal Dennis Reed, Principal Brienne Whidden, Operations Specialist Brianna Hill, Technology and Data Manager Denis Recchia, Facilities Manager John Converse

Visitors: 1

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board Vice Chair Jennifer Favalora called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Discussion of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget 2025-2026

Principal Reed and Principal Whidden presented an overview of the elementary budget drivers and requests to the board. They discussed technology, math, and equipment requests. They spoke on board budget questions for each school.

Curriculum Coordinators Jennifer Beermuender and Heather Rigatti presented the Curriculum budget drivers to the Board for discussion.

Director Pierce presented the board with proposed budget information regarding district budget lines. She reviewed the accounts and clarified budget request questions from the board.
Director Pierce provided additional information on salary, insurance, technology financing, professional development, equipment, supplies, and purchase services.

Principal Reed, Principal Whidden, Jennifer Beermuender, and Heather Rigatti left the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Superintendent Wihbey presented the Board with options regarding annual priorities and the use of the non-lapsing fund account. The Board discussed potential options and will evaluate further at the next workshop.

The Community Input meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2025.

Adjournment

Board Chair Sack adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

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