



**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL HEARING
May 5, 2025**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on May 5, 2025, in the Haddam-Killingworth High School Community Room.

Board Member Attendance:

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

Also present: Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Miller, Director of Finance and Operations Alison Pierce, and Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser.

Visitors: 3

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nominations for Moderator

Joanne Nesti of Haddam **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to appoint Peter Sonski as Moderator. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Legal Call Reading by Board Secretary

Moderator Peter Sonski asked the Board Secretary, Dr. Zandi, to read the Legal Call. Dr. Zandi 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 at Haddam-Killingworth High School in the Community Room, on May 05, 2025, at 6:30 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education gross budget of \$52,248,789 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

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 on May 06, 2025.

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 Peter Sonski of Higganum **MOVED** and Joanne Nesti of Haddam **SECONDED** a motion to accept the Legal Call as read. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Vote Regarding Regional Education Budget 2025-2026

Moderator Peter Sonski of Higganum **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a Regional Education Budget in the amount of \$52,248,789 for the fiscal year 2025-2026 beginning July 1st.

Moderator Peter Sonski stated that no vote will be taken at this meeting, and the meeting will adjourn to a referendum vote at the usual polling places on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Audience Questions

None

Set Voting Hours

Moderator Peter Sonski of Higganum **MOVED** and Joanne Nesti of Haddam **SECONDED** a motion to set the voting hours of the referendum 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. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Adjournment

Moderator Peter Sonski of Higganum **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn to a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Moderator Peter Sonski of Higganum resigned from his position as moderator.

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

Corey Roberts **MOVED** and Jennifer Voegtli **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Adjournment

Board Chair Sack adjourned the meeting at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

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