



**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
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: 2

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the previous meeting.

Appoint and Approve a Contract for an Interim Superintendent for Regional School District No. 17

Corey Roberts **MOVED** and Lisa Connelly **SECONDED** a motion that the Board hereby appoints Paul K. Smith to serve as Interim Superintendent, effective July 1, 2025, and further moved that the Board Chairperson is hereby authorized to sign the related contract on behalf of the Board.

Board Chair Sack provided a brief update on the interim search process.

Vice Chair Jennifer Favalora read the Board communication shared with the community regarding the Board's announcement that they will appoint Mr. Smith as Interim Superintendent and provided information on his background.

Motion unanimously passed from the following roll call votes: 10-0-0

Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Joseph Centofanti	ABSENT	Dr. Nelson Rivera	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A
Sonja Charpentier (remote)	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Corey Roberts	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A
Lisa Connelly	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Suzanne Sack	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A
Jennifer Favalora	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Jennifer Voegtli	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A
Shawna Goldfarb (remote)	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A	Dr. Kathleen Zandi	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A
Heather Pach	X YES ☐ NO ☐ A		

Mr. Paul Smith introduced himself to the Board and noted that he looked forward to working with the teachers and staff and ensuring a smooth transition for the next Superintendent.

Contract Services for an Executive Search for a Superintendent of Schools for Regional School District No. 17

The consensus of the Board was to discuss the topic at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment

Board Chair Sack adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

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