REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 2025

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 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		X	Corey Roberts	X	
Lisa Connelly	X		Suzanne Sack		X
Jennifer Favalora	X		Jennifer Voegtli		X
Shawna Goldfarb	X		Dr. Kathleen Zandi		X
Heather Pach	X				

Also present: Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey, Director of Finance and Operations Alison Pierce, Director of Student Services Dr. Aaron Puzarne, Interim Superintendent Paul Smith (virtual), and Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser.

Visitors: 3

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board Vice Chair Jennifer Favalora called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the previous meeting.

Nominations for Moderator

Howard Burr of Higganum **MOVED** and Paula Remmers of Killingworth **SECONDED** a motion to appoint Joanne Nesti as Moderator. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Legal Call Reading by Board Secretary

Moderator Joanne Nesti asked the Board Secretary, Shawna Goldfarb, Board Treasurer, who stood in as the secretary, to read the Legal Call. Shawna Goldfarb 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 June 05, 2025, at 6:30 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education gross budget of $51,798,789 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 June 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 Joanne Nesti of Haddam **MOVED** and Howard Burr of Higganum **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 Joanne Nesti of Haddam **MOVED** and Howard Burr of Higganum **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a Regional Education Budget in the amount of $51,798,789 for the fiscal year 2025-2026 beginning July 1st.

Moderator Joanne Nesti 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 Friday, June 6, 2025.

Audience Questions

None

Set Voting Hours

Moderator Joanne Nesti of Haddam **MOVED** and Howard Burr of Higganum **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

Joanne Nesti of Haddam **MOVED** and Howard Burr of Higganum **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn to a referendum vote on Friday, June 6, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Moderator Joanne Nesti resigned from her position as moderator.

Board Vice Chair Jennifer Favalora called for a motion for the Board of Education meeting to adjourn.

Shawna Goldfarb **MOVED** and Lisa Connelly **SECONDED** a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Adjournment

Board Vice Chair Favalora 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