REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2025

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on June 23, 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: Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Miller, Director of Finance and Operations Alison Pierce (remote), and Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser

Visitors: 6

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting

Board Chair Suzanne Sack called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the previous meeting.

Review of the Input from the Annual Hearing and Possible Budget Modification

A letter from Lynn Gallant, a parent from Killingworth, was read regarding the budget that was not read in the previous meeting. The letter highlighted the family's long-standing involvement with the district and emphasized the importance of moving forward with the current budget to maintain funding levels necessary for educational programs and community development. She stated that further delays could create uncertainty and negatively impact the district's operations.

Board members discussed the previous meeting and the next steps, including communication items that can be implemented to enhance community awareness.

Board of Education Adopts the 2025-2026 Budget for the Annual Meeting

Jennifer Voegtli **MOVED** and Lisa Connelly **SECONDED** a motion to adopt a budget in the amount of $ 51,348,789 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, to be brought to the Annual Meeting on July 7, 2025.

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

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

Approval of the Legal Call

Corey Roberts **MOVED** and Jennifer Voegtli **SECONDED** a motion to approve the Legal call for the July 7, 2025 Annual Meeting 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 July 7, 2025, at 6:30 PM for the following purposes:

1. To adopt a regional education gross budget of $ 51,348.789 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 July 8, 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.

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

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

Adjournment

Board Chair Sack adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Kaiser
Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education

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