



**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING
July 07, 2025**

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on July 07, 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 (remote)	X	
Heather Pach	X				

Also present: Interim Superintendent Paul J. Smith, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Miller, Director of Student Services Dr. Aaron Puzarne, and Board Administrator Sarah Kaiser

Visitors: 5

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 at the previous meeting.

Nominations for Moderator

Robin Duffield of Killingworth **MOVED** and Arthur Collins, Jr. of Higganum **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 July 07, 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 08, 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 Robin Duffield of Killingworth **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 \$51,348,789 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 Tuesday, July 08, 2025.

Audience Questions

None

Set Voting Hours

Moderator Joanne Nesti of Haddam **MOVED** and Robin Duffield of Killingworth **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 Tuesday July 08, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a Voice Vote.

Moderator Joanne Nesti resigned from her position as moderator.

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

Shawna Goldfarb **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