

POMPERAUG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 15

The mission of Region 15, a collaborative community committed to excellence, is to educate every student to be productive, ethical, and engaged in a global society through proven and innovative learning experiences supported by its strong community whose decision-making is based on the best interest of all students.

Mission Statement, Adopted 9 December 2002; Updated 2009

Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Pomperaug High School Media Center
Thursday, September 3, 2026
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:	Ms. Sharon Attick	Mr. Tom Marks (absent)
	Ms. Shannon Cavallo (absent)	Mr. Jeff Olsen
	Ms. Heather Dwyer	Mrs. Heather Rodgers
	Mr. John Jenusaitis (absent)	Dr. Sally Romano
	Ms. Marion Manzo, Chairperson	Mr. Steve Suriani

PRESENT: Mr. Joshua Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Joe Martino, Director of Finance
Dr. Carrie Chiappetta (absent)
Ms. Christine Carver, Building Committee
Mr. Jason Andrews, Building Committee

Ms. Manzo called the September 3, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:40 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upon a motion by Mr. Suriani, seconded by Mrs. Rodgers,
IT WAS VOTED

“to enter into executive session for the purpose of deliberating on the selection of an architectural firm and to invite Mr. Andrews and Ms. Christine Carver from the Building Committee, Superintendent Smith and Mr. Martino into the meeting” and passed with Ms. Attick, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Manzo, Mr. Olsen, Mrs. Rodgers, Dr. Romano and Mr. Suriani voting “aye”. Ms. Cavallo, Mr. Jenusaitis, and Mr. Marks were absent.

Ms. Manzo read the following statement:

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Session

Overview

Special Meeting of the Region 15 Board of Education September 3, 2026

,"The Board of Education created a Building Committee and has appointed members. The selection of the architect will be done by the Board of Education, with the advice of the Building Committee members in executive session. All board of education and committee members have been invited to participate in the architect interview process. We are fortunate to have eight members of the board of education have participated so far. Immediately after the interviews on Tuesday, August 25th, the BOE and BC group will decide on a candidate or discuss if more information is needed. If a candidate is selected by the group, then the full Board of Education will meet later to vote on the candidate. Once the architect has been approved by the Board of Education, all other actions for the construction projects will shift to the Building Committee – except the Board of Education will approve the general outside design of the schools and location on the properties".

The Board moved out of executive session at 8:07 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Suriani
IT WAS VOTED

Motion Made and Passed

"to enter into contract negotiations for the RFQ/P GES-01 to Tecton as presented" and passed with Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Manzo, Mr. Olsen, Mrs. Rodgers and Mr. Suriani voting "aye". Ms. Attick and Dr. Romano abstained. Ms. Cavallo, Mr. Jenusaitis and Mr. Marks were absent.

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Upon a motion by Mrs. Rodgers, seconded by Mr. Suriani
IT WAS VOTED

Adjourn

"to adjourn the September 3, 2026 special meeting of the Board of Education at 8:27 p.m." and passed with Ms. Attick, Ms. Dwyer, Ms. Manzo, Mr. Olsen, Mrs. Rodgers, Dr. Romano, and Mr. Suriani voted "aye". Ms. Cavallo, Mr. Jenusaitis and Mr. Marks were absent.

Tom Marks
Secretary of the Board of Education

Jennifer Meglio
Board Clerk

