

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION/BUILDING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2006**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education and Building Committee was held December 19, 2006, at Burr Elementary School. Board of Education Chairman Robert Baranoff called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board members present: Robert Baranoff, Nancy Gorski, Jo Ferjak, Diane Stock, Robin Chasse, Richard Cabral, Mark Almeida, Michael Trahan, and Daniel Cronin. Amy Jacques-Purdy and John O'Leary arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Building Committee members present: Howard Howes, Kjell Tollefsen, Steven Bull, and Mim Wagner.

Building Committee members absent: Scott Chasse and Michael Distefano.

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Gary S. Mala, Director of Fiscal Operations Martha Vaughn, and Board Clerk Ann Lang.

**Discussion and Action Relative to New Haddam-Killingworth Middle School**

Mr. Mala noted that there was a special meeting of the Building Committee on December 9 in response to a situation that occurred to the waste water system at the new middle school. He explained that a material used in oil based paint was discovered in the water system, which narrows the area of responsibility for the problem. He reviewed the action taken by the Building Committee to correct the problem. He also noted that he has spoken with legal counsel. Mr. Mala stated that as property owner there were papers he had to sign, but he has written to Industrial Construction saying that he will not accept any responsibility on behalf of the school district. He noted that the waste water treatment plant and the water system are operable.

**Authorize Purchase of Three New Sets of Computer Switches for Approximately \$16,000**

Mr. Almeida *MOVED* and Mr. Cabral *SECONDED* that the Board approve the purchase of three sets of computer switches not to exceed \$16,000. Motion passed unanimously. These computer switches are necessary to allow the technology infrastructure to operate properly in the building.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Purchase of Books for Library Media Center for New Haddam-Killingworth Middle School**

Ms. Wagner distributed information on the plan for the acquisition of library books for the new middle school. The high school library media specialist and the library

media specialist who has recently been hired for the new middle school have reviewed the material.

(Amy Jacques-Purdy and John O’Leary arrived)

Mr. Cabral voiced his concern that books not be removed from the high school library because it could negatively affect the high school’s accreditation with NEASC.

Mr. Tollefsen suggested going out to bid even though it might delay the purchase somewhat. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to go out to bid if other vendors are available and bring the information to the January 2 meeting. Mr. Mala will negotiate the software price with Follett.

**Review Status of School Opening**

Mr. Mala reported that he went to a State Traffic Commission meeting today regarding his request for a traffic signal at the new school. This topic has been moved to their January 23 agenda.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Cabral **MOVED** and Mr. Almeida **SECONDED** the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lang, Board Clerk

Approval:

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Amy Jacques-Purdy, Secretary

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Date

**Approved as presented at the January 2, 2007 Board of Education meeting.**