

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
JUNE 27, 2006**

A special meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held June 27, 2006, at Haddam-Killingworth High School in the Media Center. The meeting, originally scheduled as an Education Subcommittee, became a special Board of Education meeting as a result of a quorum of Board members present. Education Committee Chair Jo Ferjak called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Jo Ferjak, Diane Stock, Nancy Gorski, Robert Baranoff, John O'Leary, and Mark Almeida. Michael Trahan arrived at 7:33 p.m.

Members absent: Amy Jacques-Purdy, Richard Cabral, Daniel Cronin, and Douglas Stevenson.

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Gary S. Mala and Board Clerk Ann Lang.

**Review of Policy 3280**

Mr. Baranoff noted that he has raised the issue of how the district handles the issue of schools receiving gifts and suggested a policy review. He noted that his concern is one of equity among the schools. Mr. Mala noted that it is customary for the person/organization giving the gift to designate where the gift is to go.

Mr. Mala will give the Board a list of what is funded by the district's parents' groups each year and bring them to the Board to accept them.

The Board referred the topic to the Policy Committee for review.

**Discussion of Director of Fiscal Operations Search Process**

Mr. Mala asked the Board to authorize him to hire an interim Director of Finance. He also recommended hiring a search firm to handle the search process for a permanent Director of Fiscal Operations.

Mr. Baranoff ***MOVED*** and Ms. Stock ***SECONDED*** that the Board appoint an interim Director of Fiscal Operations effective July 17. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Baranoff ***MOVED*** and Mr. Almeida ***SECONDED*** that the Superintendent enter into and consummate negotiations with Goens and Esparo to do a modified full search for a Director of Fiscal Operations at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion of and Appropriate Action on Naming the New School Facility**

The Board continued its discussion relative to the naming of the new intermediate/middle school and a number of suggestions were made.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Baranoff **MOVED** and Mr. Almeida **SECONDED** that the Board name the new school Haddam-Killingworth Middle School. Motion passed. Aye: Jo Ferjak, Nancy Gorski, Robert Baranoff, Mark Almeida, and John O'Leary. Abstentions: Diane Stock and Michael Trahan.

### **Discussion of Alternative Energies Task Force Meeting Schedule and Membership**

Mr. Almeida and Mr. Trahan volunteered to be on the Alternative Energies Task Force Committee. Mr. Mala noted that two students from Applied Education and two students from the Science Department will also be on the committee, along with employees Matthew Kulak, Daniel Collins, and Michael Distefano. Mr. Mala will schedule a meeting and contact the people who will be serving on the committee.

### **Correspondence**

Mr. Mala noted various pieces of correspondence in Board members' packets, including information on a counseling intern. Mr. Mala stated he would discuss the topic of an intern at a future Board meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Almeida **MOVED** and Ms. Stock **SECONDED** that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 8:40 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 July 11, 2006 Board of Education meeting.**