

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
BOARD OF EDUCATION - EDUCATION SESSION
August 15, 2017

A meeting of the Regional School District No. 17 Board of Education was held on August 15, 2017 in the Haddam-Killingworth Middle School Media Center. Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo, called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

Members Present: *Kathy Brown, Jeannie Young, Sue Twachtman, Susan Dean, Joanne Nesti, Peter Sonski, Eric Couture and Joel D'Angelo*

Members Absent: *Dan Chase, Maura Wallin & Suzanne Sack*

Also Present: *Superintendent of Schools, Howard Thiery, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Holly Hageman, and Board Clerk, Jamie Sciascia*

Visitors: *None.*

Call to Order/Opening of Meeting:

Board of Education Chair, Joel D'Angelo called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: *None.*

Board Liaison Reports:

A. Curriculum Council

No Report.

B. Curriculum Subcommittee

No Report.

Old Business:

A. High School Energy and Facilities Upgrade

a) Report from Public Building Committee

Joanne Nesti updated the Board. She advised that there is a Pubic Building Committee Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, August 16th.

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He spoke on Doug Rogers sending him an update on the roof project. He stated that they are way ahead of schedule and under budget. He addressed the Change Orders that have been completed and the window wall repairs that just need to be painted. He also stated to date there have been no safety incidents. Lastly, Superintendent Thiery stated Silktown is wrapping everything up and moving off campus as we speak. He further stated that the asbestos abatement was complete and the school campus is now open.

B. Enrollment Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He spoke on the Haddam Elementary School Kindergarten Enrollment numbers that are continuing to grow. Currently, they are at 45 with two sections; Burr Elementary School is at 34 with two sections; and Killingworth Elementary School is

at 50 with three sections. He stated that he and his administration team have brainstormed a way to reconfigure assignments within Haddam Elementary School since the numbers are on the high side. This would eliminate hiring another teacher. Superintendent Thiery stated he would be happy to speak more on the process in Executive Session.

C. Budget Update

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He stated that the State has made no progress in determining a Budget. He stated that he is holding onto as many resources as possible until they get the State's Budget without negatively impacting the kids or their education. He will continue to track this important issue.

New Business:

A. Opening of School Schedule and Events

Superintendent Thiery updated the Board. He addressed the events leading up to the Opening Day of School across the District as follows: August 22, 2017- Administration Team Opening of School Meeting, August 23, 2017- New Teacher Orientation, August 28, 2017- Professional Day for Teachers, August 29, 2017- Annual Gathering and August 30, 2017 - First Day Back to School. Superintendent Thiery stated that he will be visiting each school and every classroom on the first day of school. Jeannie Young raised a question on Freshman orientation; she never received any notice of same. Superintendent Thiery said that he believed notice went out and will look into it. Sue Twachtman asked how Principal Brienne Whidden was settling in and Superintendent Thiery stated that she has already been valuable to the District and he is looking forward to her future work at Haddam Elementary School.

Public Comments: None.

Executive Session:

Susan Dean **MOVED** and Sue Twachtman **SECONDED** a motion to enter into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter.

Motion passed unanimously 8-0-0 by the following votes:

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| Kathy Brown | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dan Chase | Absent | | |
| Maura Wallin | Absent | | |
| Eric Couture | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Susan Dean | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Joanne Nesti | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Peter Sonski | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Suzanne Sack | Absent | | |
| Sue Twachtman | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jeannie Young | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Joel D'Angelo | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | A <input type="checkbox"/> |

The Board went into the Executive Session at 8:02 PM.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

Adjournment:

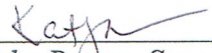
Board Chair D'Angelo called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Sciascia

Board Clerk

Approval: 
Kathy Brown, Secretary

Date: 9/5/17