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**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND AND REGIONAL DISTRICT #11**
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**Chaplin, Connecticut**
**Public Hearing Minutes**
**April 11, 2017**

**Chairperson Steve Dunn called the Public Hearing to order at 6:36 PM. Present were Board members Kate Donnelly, Sally Ireland, Bud Smallwood, Jennifer Nelson and Stephanie Harrington (6:45 PM). Unable to attend were Board members Rose Bisson, Stacy Foster and Kathleen O'Callaghan. Administrators present was Superintendent Ken Henrici.**

**2. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2017-18 REGION #11 BUDGET:**

The Region #11 budget has a 0% increase. Areas that impact the budget are health insurance, magnet tuition and contractual salaries. The COC assessment ratio was revised from 69% - RD11/31% - CES to 64% - RD11/36% - CES and is based on enrollment. The Board will be asked to approve recommendation of $300,000 to offset town assessments. There is still a lot of uncertainty of funding cuts with the Governor's budget. Steve Dunn reported that the vast majority of other districts in the state will not develop a budget based on what ifs.

Kathy Donahue asked if the budget was adjusted to reflect a projected decline in enrollment and the number of staff and paraprofessionals. Superintendent Henrici reported that there is not a decline in services and there are 36 staff with 11 paraprofessionals.

Bud Smallwood commended the administration for development of the budget with tight financial constraints.

**3. METHOD OF VOTING FOR ADOPTION OF BUDGET:**

Kate Donnelly expressed concerns with voting for the budget at a referendum.
***Motion to hold a Referendum on May 2, 2017 from 12-8pm at each town's respective polling place for adoption of the FY 17-18 Budget, was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried with the following vote:***
***YES: B. Smallwood, S. Ireland, S. Dunn, S. Harrington, J. Nelson.***
***NO: K. Donnelly.***

**4. ADJOURNMENT:**

***Motion to adjourn (6:52 PM) was made by Jennifer Nelson, seconded by Sally Ireland and carried unanimously.***

***Respectfully Submitted by Kathleen Scott***
***Recording Clerk***