

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES – APPROVED 2/14/18
JANUARY 10, 2018 – 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Ms. Mary Duran (B), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Ms. Katherine Vandiver (N) (6:06 p.m.), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, High School Principal Mr. Ken Chichester, Middle School Principal Mr. Fran Amara, Student Representatives Mr. Zachary Austin, and Ms. April Ruopp

ABSENT: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES: MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **APPROVE** Annual Organizational Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2017, as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale. Absent: Ms. Vandiver. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **APPROVE** Board of Education Minutes of December 13, 2017, as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale. Absent: Ms. Vandiver. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

REPORTS:

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES: Ms. Ruopp updated the Board on winter activities, cross town challenge with Gilbert, Mr. Northwestern event delayed until March, National Honor Society talent show for Water for Sudan fundraiser, SHAPE meeting, student Senate Red Army, basketball game with Gilbert, and mid-term schedule.

Mr. Austin provided updates pertaining to: athletics, Mr. Williams remarkable win schedule, senate meeting with Prevention Coalition group, Second Chance club activity, school web site information, Students Helping Students group, mid-term exam study group, and pep rally update. Questions followed regarding “snap-chat” and discussion followed. Coalition Prevention group discussion followed, with Mr. Amara and Mr. Chichester providing information on the Coalition along with student involvement.

PRINCIPAL AMARA: Mr. Amara provided updates pertaining to Middle School transition process, online course registration, elementary school survey, mid-year teacher conferences, and social emotional work expansion. Questions and discussion followed.

PRINCIPAL CHICHESTER: Mr. Chichester provided updates on: A Long Walk to Water and fundraising efforts, AgEd recruiting efforts, scheduling and student course recommendations, and parent breakfast meeting at month end with Guidance area focus. Discussion followed with AgEd questions and continued increasing interest in the Program.

SUPERINTENDENT PALMER: Dr. Palmer updated the Board with information pertaining to the State Budget, and provided a handout to Board members with an overview of state revenue reductions to school communities and consideration of student and school district needs. Questions and discussion throughout the presentation were addressed along with enrollments, Math and STEM class needs, Science class needs, Guidance Department needs, curriculum needs, Special Education Program needs, revenues, facility needs, and Technology demands, and maintaining

and growing our Programs. Additionally, Dr. Palmer updated the Board on Kindness in Motion grant award of \$5,000 from the Frederick DeLuca Foundation, and the First Robotics Kick-Off event held at school last Saturday morning.

DIRECTOR GASKINS: Mr. Gaskins updated the Board on facility issues with fire alarm and intercom system upgrade proposals. Greenhouse repair completion necessary and proposals forthcoming for project completion by end of this year. Winter weather facility update and maintenance crew management efforts commended. Budget 2018-2019 proposal in progress. Questions and discussion followed pertaining to fire alarm/intercom system upgrade, and energy audit. Storage facility discussion followed with possible ideas on obtaining parental and/or program project assistance. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES:

Ms. Sexton Read updated the Board on budget calendar and Colebrook request to have Board member attend Town meeting should questions arise.

Student evacuation question and plan discussed.

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Fragale, to **CANCEL** second regular scheduled Board of Education meeting on January 24, 2018. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **ADJOURN** at 7:18 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa H. D'Aprile
Board Clerk