

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
 BOARD OF EDUCATION/NEWBURY LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER
 MINUTES – AUGUST 23, 2017 – 6 P.M.

Approved 9/13/17

Present: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH)(Absent), Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Mrs. Mary Duran (B)(Absent), Mrs. Deborah Bell (N), Ms. Katherine Vandiver (N), Mrs. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director Mr. James Gaskins, High School Principal Mr. Ken Chichester, Middle School Principal Mr. Fran Amara, Student Representative Mr. Zachary Austin (Absent)

<p>Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to APPROVE Board of Education Minutes of July 12, 2017, as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Gauthier, Mrs. Kenneson. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Bell, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Vandiver. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>Mr. Chichester and Mr. Amara shared very positive School Climate Survey results, parental, staff, and student, with Board members highlighting the importance of relationships, school safety, teaching and learning, and organizational patterns. Questions and discussion followed related to parental responses, student programs, and follow up comment sections. In their mission to provide a supportive and positive school climate, Mr. Chichester and Mr. Amara outlined additional programs aligning district and school goals through a variety of community forums, transition programs, Kindness in Motion, CARE, student resources, and a comprehensive school counseling program for grades 7-12.</p> <p>Dr. Palmer provided updates pertaining to: the Robotics Grant which will not be received this year and her meeting with Robotics mentors to discuss additional ways to help fund the Program; investigation into the Cove Center Program which can provide assistance with peer support groups in an effort to help students who have suffered family loss through the death of a parent, sibling, or grandparent. Questions and discussion followed. Dr. Palmer also advised of the resignation of AIM teacher, Jessica Roberts, who has taken another position closer to home.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to ACCEPT, with gratitude and best wishes, Jessica Roberts’ resignation. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Gauthier, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Kenneson, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Fragale. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Additionally, Dr. Palmer updated the Board on Professional Development readiness, emotional intelligence presentation, Leading with Kindness presentation by students at legislative office, state budget update, and regional school district budget obligations.</p> <p>Mr. Gaskins provided Board updates pertaining to building and grounds summer maintenance projects, flooring maintenance projects, transportation meeting with vendors, and conservative spending due to budget concerns related to possible reductions in state and special education revenues.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>PUBLIC PORTION</p> <p>APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2017, BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES</p> <p>PRINCIPALS’ REPORT</p> <p>F. AMARA, K. CHICHESTER</p> <p>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT</p> <p>JESSICA ROBERTS LETTER OF RESIGNATION</p> <p>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS</p>
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<p>None.</p> <p>Dr. Palmer presented 2017-2018 District Goals Theory of Action Statements. Questions and discussion followed with regard to District goals as well as possible Board of Education goal updates.</p> <p>First Reading Policy 5114, Suspension and Expulsion/due Process: Dr. Palmer clarified the revisions, and questions and discussion followed pertaining to wording and language. Second Reading to follow with additional clarification.</p> <p>Dr. Palmer presented Special Education teacher, Val Teggi, Letter of Retirement, effective January 1, 2018.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Bell, to ACCEPT with gratitude and best wishes, Val Teggi’s Letter of Retirement. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Gauthier, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Vandiver. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>TOWN OF NORFOLK letter confirming Katherine Vandiver as the newly elected member to the Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education beginning July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2021. Ms. Vandiver was sworn in as of August 9, 2017. The Board welcomed Katherine.</p> <p>Ms. Sexton Read shared New Hartford Board of Finance Chairman, James Fitzgerald’s, e-mail correspondence with Agenda Items advising that he has organized a public and joint meeting of member town Finance Boards and invited Regional School District No. 7’s Board Chairperson and Dr. Palmer to observe. Ms. Sexton Read requested Board input pertaining to attendance; discussion followed, and Ms. Sexton Read read an initial draft reply to Mr. Fitzgerald’s correspondence and invitation communicating that neither she nor Dr. Palmer will attend. The Board agreed that the response should be sent to all member Board of Finance Chairmen.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Bell, to ADJOURN at 7:17 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Gauthier, , Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Vandiver. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Lisa H. D’Aprile Board Clerk (NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: SEPTEMBER 13, 2017)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OLD BUSINESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2017-2018 DISTRICT GOALS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIRST READING: REVISIONS TO POLICY 5114- SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION/DUE PROCESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">V. TEGGI LETTER OF RETIREMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOWN OF NORFOLK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NH BOARD OF FINANCE E-MAIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT</p>
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