

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION/NEWBURY LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER
MINUTES – OCTOBER 11, 2017 – 6 P.M.

Approved 10/25/17

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), Ms. 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 Representatives Mr. Zachary Austin(Absent), and Ms. April Ruopp

Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson to **MOVE** Middle School Principal Amara’s report to first Agenda item. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Duran. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Amara reported on Project Purple event in Canton by Chris Herren, former Boston Celtics player, and the proactive anti-drug/alcohol message Chris delivers during his presentation. Mr. Herren is presenting at RSD#7 tomorrow. Also, Mr. Amara provided updates on the Middle School One Book Program reading Lion this year, Emotional Intelligence professional development presentations, and the ongoing teacher evaluation process.

Mr. Chichester enthusiastically introduced new Junior class representation, Ms. April Ruopp. The Board warmly welcomed Ms. Ruopp, and looks forward to her input and contribution.

Dr. Palmer introduced Board members to Ms. Beth Driscoll, Colebrook Consolidated Principal. Dr. Palmer will be mentoring Ms. Driscoll during the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Don Tarrant, who has been guiding the administrative team in creating a Marketing Plan with the goal of meaningfully engaging more community members in the educational process, provided a presentation to the Board. A handout was distributed, and Mr. Tarrant highlighted and discussed target audience, target audience priorities, and key messaging. Questions and discussion followed with ideas for various social media and networking opportunities.

Housemaster, Mr. Gary Franklin, provided the Board with information on the social media focus at RSD#7 through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, which has been very successful and can be accessed through the school website. Questions and discussion followed pertaining to public comment and Facebook posts.

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Fragale, to **APPROVE** Board of Education Minutes of September 13, 2017, with the following change: deletion of Ms. Bell’s name from final Motion to Adjourn; Ms. Bell was ABSENT from the September 13, 2017 Board of Education meeting. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Ms. Bell. **MOTION PASSED.**

In Mr. Austin’s absence, Ms. Ruopp updated the Board on Homecoming events,

CALL TO ORDER

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
REPORT**

PUBLIC PORTION

**MARKETING BLUEPRINT
PRESENTATION**

**MR. GARY FRANKLIN
SOCIAL MEDIA**

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER
13, 2017, BOARD OF
EDUCATION MINUTES**

**STUDENT Representative
REPORT – APRIL RUOPP**

Student Council, tailgating question, sport team updates, senior college application process, and Chris Herren’s Project Purple presentation.

Mr. Chichester provided updates on High School reform with comparison of graduation requirements; questions followed on differences between current requirements, and discussion and concerns followed on mandates and costs. Mr. Chichester provided information pertaining to an extended learning opportunity to earn high school credit for the FIRST Robotics Team with portfolio requirements. Questions and discussion followed.

Additionally, Mr. Chichester updated the Board on High School Professional Development opportunities, Career Fair, Model UN program and experience, High School One Book Project, *A Long Walk to Water*, marketing pamphlets created by teacher, Dee Cusati, to be distributed at events and area businesses, and Frank Shea Concert where he hopes to generate an alumni email address log to assist with the start of an Alumni Association.

Dr. Palmer updated the Board regarding: Legislative Update and State Budget, area Superintendent meeting, Kindness in Motion fundraiser planned at Crystal Peak on November 11, social and emotional learning opportunities with EdAdvance, and ongoing, active involvement of school safety meetings with student safety as the priority for the administrative team. Winchester has offered a liaison officer to streamline communication. Discussion followed pertaining to *A Long Walk to Water*, fundraising, and safety efforts.

Mr. Gaskins presented his Board report pertaining to the recent completion of King and King Business Office audit, budget process and spending freeze, 2018-2019 budget process asking for zero percent increase within departments, and a new food service catering program in an effort to increase revenue for the cafeteria. Questions and discussion followed pertaining to the food service program and budget freeze.

Ms. Sexton Read advised of Community Conversation meeting to be followed by a Board of Education meeting on October 25, 2017. Community Conversation will begin with student presentations, followed by MS athletics, HS academics, and an Art portion providing an overview of the comprehensive education and activities happening at Regional School District No. 7. Dr. Palmer and Mr. Gaskins will provide an update of the 5-year Plan, and public input/comments will be welcomed.

Ms. Sexton Read advised that Run Like A Deer posters are now available, sponsorship ideas are welcome, and the 5K run and non-competitive walk will be held on November 4, 2017.

Dr. Palmer updated the Board on Europe Trip, 2019, with the following motion made to approve.

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **APPROVE** Europe Trip, 2019. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Duran. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PRINCIPAL REPORT – MR.
CHICHESTER**

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND
OPERATIONS**

OLD BUSINESS

**COMMUNITY
CONVERSATION**

**RUN LIKE A DEER –
NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

EUROPE TRIP 2019

Ms. Sexton Read opened conversation pertaining to Board of Education goal updates. Discussion began with current goals/changes, requirements, responsibilities, collaboration and communication with public and community. Discussion followed, further consideration will be provided by Board members.

Ms. Sexton Read advised of and shared with Board members correspondence received from Norfolk parent, Dawn Whalen, who is working to help needy people through Networking Everyone Together (N.E.T.) Ms. Whalen would like to make a presentation to the Board on the efforts of this group, and Board meeting dates were discussed.

None.

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **ADJOURN** at 8:00 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Vandiver. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile
Board Clerk

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATION and next Board of Education meeting:
Wednesday, October 25, 2017.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
GOAL DISCUSSION**

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT