

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7  
COLEBROOK TOWN HALL  
**THIRD INFORMAL BUDGET PRESENTATION – Amended and Approved 4.11.18**  
APRIL 4, 2018 – 7:00 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. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins

**ABSENT:** Ms. Katherine Vandiver

Ms. Sexton Read began the Third Informal Budget Presentation at 7:05 p.m.

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 7, BOARD OF EDUCATION, PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW 2018-2019:**

Ms. Sexton Read began the Budget Overview 2018-2019 Power Point Presentation titled, “The Pride of the Northwest Corner”, and theme of FORWARD. THINKING. SMART., highlighting academic, special education, preparing graduates for the future, and social and emotional literacy goals for the 2018-2019 school year, and sharing with community members the successes of our students as well as plans for moving the school forward. PSAT 2017 results were presented along with testing results ranking within the Berkshire League. CSDE school accountability index ranks Northwestern High School **2<sup>nd</sup> in the State** with regards to 12 indicators of success in the areas of English, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Graduation Rates, Absenteeism, Access to the Arts, and Postsecondary entrance for all learners with an **accountability index of 92.3 out of 100**. AP scores, net current expenditures per pupil, net current expenditures, straight line ADM both current and projected, school enrollment, budget drivers, with a historical expenditure increase overview was presented by Ms. Sexton Read, and an **overall proposed budget increase of 0.93 for the 2018-2019 school year**. An Object breakdown was provided along with excess cost expenditure offsets, efficiency measures, revenues, change in daily membership by town and a historical perspective on assessments. Ms. Sexton Read concluded noting that Regional School District No. 7 provides a rigorous, engaging, and comprehensive educational program for all learners, preparing graduates with exceptional academic achievement results, high performing students across all disciplines including the arts, a clean and well-kept facility, excellent extracurricular opportunities, focus on social and emotional well-being, and a high-value, high-quality education with costs well in-line with the statewide average. Ms. Sexton Read thanked community members and expressed her appreciation for their support on behalf of all students within the district, and presented a video from the Board of Education’s Community Conversation meeting this past October, 2017, sharing, through the eyes of our children, what is most important to them in their school community, experiences and learning.

**PUBLIC:** Questions pertaining to staff count, special education outplacements, and new State graduation requirements were answered by Ms. Sexton Read and Dr. Palmer. Number of home schooled children in the district, grade point averages and AP course credit, plus college credits available at NWCC were additional questions addressed. Ms. Sexton Read and Dr. Palmer also responded to question pertaining to Grade 7 learning gaps related to Common Core requirements, and Middle School plans to accommodate and address those needs.

The Budget Presentation concluded at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D’Aprile  
Board Clerk