

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
NEWBURY LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
June 13, 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), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (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: Ms. Lisa Fragale (C)

RECEPTION FOR TOP TEN STUDENTS

RECEPTION held in honor of the Top Ten Students, Class of 2018: Mr. Chichester introduced and commended the following students for their outstanding academic, athletic, volunteer and club activities, and contributions as members of Regional School District No. 7 and their communities: Zachary Austin (NH), Adam Choquette (NH), Morgan Daley (N), Victoria Grantmeyer (NH), Abigail Helt (NH), Erin Mahoney (NH), Samuel Schiffer (NH), Calli Smith (B), Connor Spencer (B), Mackenzie Stotler (NH).

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **APPROVE** Annual District Budget Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2018, as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Duran. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **APPROVE** Board of Education Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2018, as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Vandiver. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

REPORTS:

STUDENT REPORTS:

Ms. Ruopp and Mr. Austin provided Board updates on student events, activities, and end-of-year information, both social and academic. This is Mr. Austin's last Board report, and all wished him well at Notre Dame. Ms. Sexton Read provided thanks for his dedication, and Dr. Palmer shared how much she and the Board appreciated and trusted Zach's efforts and work with fellow classmates and the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT, PRINCIPALS, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS REPORT:

Dr. Palmer, Mr. Chichester, Mr. Amara, and Mr. Gaskins provided a joint Board of Education report and overview of the 2017-2018 school year with a Power Point Presentation including the following highlights pertaining to the 2017-18 District Goals. District Goal #1: Theory of Action for Improved Student Achievement, District Goal #2: Professional Development and Collaboration, and District Goal #3: Communication.

A brief Budget Overview was presented by Mr. Gaskins outlining goals, efficiency, educational value, financial challenges, the continual savings processes, facility maintenance with goals of creating a

welcoming environment for students and community members. Additionally, Mr. Gaskins provided an overview of building maintenance that has occurred during the past school year, and will continue to provide updates to facility maintenance throughout the upcoming year.

SECURITY updates were provided by Dr. Palmer which included ongoing training, safety committee meetings, and updated evacuation plans. Mr. Amara updated the Board on ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES and how important student participation is to help stay connected to their school as well as leadership development skills, and Mr. Chichester provided an overview of FINE ARTS and the significance these programs provide in student development and growth.

Dr. Palmer sincerely and gratefully thanked all Board members for their efforts in working together, continued support and dedication to all students, staff, and community members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Sexton Read provided an update on CABE Policies pertaining to Social Media best policies, and advised that information will be sent to all Board members for review and further discussion at the July 11, 2018, Board of Education meeting.

UPDATES:

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **CANCEL** Board of Education Meeting scheduled on June 27, 2018, and Board members to attend graduation on June 22, 2018. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Vandiver. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of Resignation shared from Middle School Art Teacher, Alexa Fermeglia, advising that her resignation will become effective on the last school day of 2017-2018 because she will be moving to Central Europe and starting a new career. The Board accepted Ms. Fermeglia's resignation with appreciation, regret, and best wishes.

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **ACCEPT** Letter of Resignation from Art Teacher, Alexa Fermeglia, with regret and best wishes. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Executive Session

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **ENTER** into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussion and possible action on Employment Contract for Superintendent Palmer. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Entered into Executive Session were: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson.

Exited Executive Session at: 8:35 p.m. with the following **MOTION** made:

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **INCREASE** Superintendent Palmer’s salary for the 2018-2019 school year three (3) percent with an eight (8) percent annuity. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **ADJOURN** at 8:37 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D’Aprile
Board Clerk

Next Meeting: July 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Newbury Library Media Center