

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
NEWBURY LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
July 11, 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)(6:10 p.m.), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Ms. Katherine Vandiver (N), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins

ABSENT: Ms. Fragale (C)

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **ADD AGENDA ITEM** for Director of Finance and Operations report presentation by Mr. Gaskins. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **APPROVE** Board of Education Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2018, as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

REPORTS:

SUPERINTENDENT:

Superintendent Palmer presented the following hiring report:

Two new teachers have been hired to replace Emily Drago (English) and Alexa Fermeglia (Art). Ms. Gabrielle Robertson will replace Emily at a Level III (Master's Degree) Step 2, and Ms. Christine Mitchell will replace Alexa at a Level III (Master's Degree) Step 3. Brief discussion followed.

Additionally, Frank Rodenberg is leading his last student trip to Europe in August. The trip will take students to Florence, Bologna, Venice, Verona, Tyrol Region (Alps), Neushwanstein, Munich, and Prague. Steve Zimmerman will be taking over in 2019.

Dr. Palmer reviewed and presented the 2018-2019 District Goals. Emphasis again this year will be on kindness and emotional intelligence. Summer school update was also provided.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS:

Mr. Gaskins provided a brief overview of summer work occurring on campus. Discussion followed pertaining to athletic storage possibilities and opportunities for fund raising within the community to support this effort, as well as Ms. Sexton Read identifying a timeline for further investigation into future budget line item presentations.

Ms. Sexton Read inquired on the possibilities of providing coaches within the District opportunities for Emotional Intelligence training along with administration and staff. Discussion followed, and Dr. Palmer advised that administration has been engaged in an ongoing conversation pertaining to same. Ms. Duran

offered suggestions on communication opportunities between coaches and parents throughout the school year. Discussion followed.

Additional board question pertaining to PSAT which was clarified with an explanation from Dr. Palmer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of District/Board of Education member use of social media lead by Ms. Sexton Read requesting Board member questions and thoughts referencing CAFE article previously distributed. Ms. Sexton Read feels that there is benefit to be found in articulating boundaries that need to exist in social media platforms for both the District and Board of Education members in addition to the current Acceptable Use Policy. Discussion followed with respect to posting on District web site plus specific language to be added to Board member handbook. Ms. Sexton Read offered to compile guidelines for further discussion and Board approval to be included in Board member handbook, and Dr. Palmer will research and provide language for approval to be presented on District web site.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dr. Palmer presented AgEd teacher, Lori Trovato's Letter of Resignation. The Board accepted with regret and best wishes.

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **ACCEPT**, with regret and best wishes, Lori's resignation. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Vandiver, Ms. Kenneson. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Brief discussion followed pertaining to replacement positions and student population.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **ADJOURN** at 6:50 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: August 22, 2018, 6:00 p.m., Newbury Library Media Center