

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7  
COLEBROOK TOWN HALL  
**THIRD INFORMAL BUDGET PRESENTATION - APPROVED 4.10.19**  
APRIL 3, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Deb Bell (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins

**ABSENT:** Ms. Mary Duran, Mr. Ben Nadeau

Ms. Sexton Read began the Third Informal Proposed Budget Presentation at 7:00 p.m.

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 7, BOARD OF EDUCATION, PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW 2019-2020:**

Ms. Sexton Read introduced herself and began the Third Informal Budget Presentation for the Town of Colebrook with a Power Point Presentation highlighting historical expenditure increases, and continued with student PSAT results, testing result rankings within the Berkshire League, AP student scores, and CSDE Next Generation Accountability indicators. Per pupil net current expenditures within the Berkshire League graph presentation, member town current and projected straight line enrollment, along with an outline of efficiency measures were presented demonstrating Regional School District No. 7's continued ability of providing a high performing school district that meets the educational, social/emotional, and extracurricular needs of all students at an average cost. An Object breakdown of proposed increases/decreases was provided for Salaries, Benefits including dollar reallocations for the 2019-2020 school year, Professional/Technical Services, Property Services, Other Purchased Services, Supplies, Property, Other Objects, Other Funds, Excess Cost Expenditure Offsets, Revenues, and change in Average Daily Membership by Towns for a **2019-2020 Proposed Budget Increase of \$375,260 or 1.77 percent**. A historical Perspective on Assessments was provided, and Ms. Sexton Read concluded that Regional School District No. 7 continues to provide a rigorous and comprehensive educational program connecting students with their school and passions, an outstanding facility, and excellent extracurricular opportunities at costs in line with the statewide average and per pupil expenditures in the lower half of the Berkshire League.

Ms. Sexton Read thanked community members and expressed her appreciation for their support on behalf of all students within the District.

**PUBLIC:**

Public Questions pertaining to: Total number of Connecticut schools, based on CSDE Next Generation Accountability Indicators, earning School of Distinction classification as did Northwestern High School which Dr. Palmer responded to as only 9 schools in the State; plans on closing/elevating the gap for Middle School students entering from member town elementary schools addressed by Dr. Palmer; future school enrollment addressed by Mr. Gaskins; special education student costs; and, a line item question concerning the total amount classified as "summer school" where clarification was provided by Mr. Gaskins.

The Budget Presentation concluded at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile  
Board Clerk