

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BARKHAMSTED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
FOURTH INFORMAL BUDGET PRESENTATION - APPROVED 4/22/19
APRIL 9, 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. Mary Duran (B), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Deb Bell (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins

ABSENT: Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Mr. Ben Nadeau (N)

Ms. Sexton Read began the Fourth 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 Fourth Informal Budget Presentation for the Town of Barkhamsted 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, with a special thank you to Don Stein for his professional and fair flyer communication presented to community members addressing Regional 7's Board of Education 2019-2020 Proposed Budget.

PUBLIC:

Public Questions presented pertaining to: Reallocation of benefits and budget management, excess cost grant, ECS clarification, special education student expenditures and savings, and Board and Administration plans for addressing declining student enrollments were answered by Ms. Sexton Read, Dr. Palmer, and Mr. Gaskins.

The Budget Presentation concluded at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile
Board Clerk