

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
NEWBURY LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
September 11, 2019 – 6 p.m.

Approved 10/9/19

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Ms. Mary Duran (B) (6:15), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Mr. Ben Nadeau (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, High School Principal Mr. Ken Chichester, Middle School Principal Mr. Fran Amara, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, Student Representative, Ms. Madeleine Giaconia

ABSENT: Ms. Deborah Bell (N)

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Mr. Gauthier requested a Motion for Agenda Amendment to observe a moment of silence in memory of 9/11.

MOTION: by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **AMEND AGENDA** and include a moment of silence in memory of 9/11. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Mr. Nadeau. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Sexton Read observed a moment of silence in memory of and to commemorate the lost lives and tragic events of 9/11.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Barkhamsted First Selectman, Don Stein, provided a summary and timeline outlining required events for preliminary discussions pertaining to sewer and water connections between Mallory Brook Plaza developer, Lombard Ford, The Barkhamsted Housing Trust, LLC, the Town of Winsted, and Regional School District No. 7. Questions and discussion followed, with additional information and facts to follow once available.

MOTION by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **APPROVE** Board of Education Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2019, as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Nadeau. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Ms. Duran, Ms. Fragale. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REPORTS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Ms. Giaconia provided Board updates pertaining to: school year beginning transition, athletic events, and new senior privileges, college essays, summer and fall theater performances, open house and student lead presentations, AGED activities, and welcome back social.

PRINCIPALS:

Principals Amara and Chichester provided Board updates and presentation pertaining to: Middle School Smarter Balance Assessment, scale scores and achievement levels, HS SAT and AP levels, graduation rates and state comparisons along with next steps for curriculum, instruction and assessment work. Dr. Palmer reviewed the 2019-2020 Theory of Action Statements, and advised that the data collected through assessments and collaboration between Middle and High School will be used to accomplish student achievement plans, continued strong performance, and students graduating prepared for college and careers. Dr. Palmer thanked Board members for their support, and the administrative team and teachers for their dedication and efforts in helping students take pride in their work and progress.

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SUPERINTENDENT:

Dr. Palmer provided Board updates pertaining to: FFA convention that she and Mr. Chichester will be attending along with current enrollment, Superintendent's meeting highlighting possible regional efficiencies including finance, facilities, curriculum coordination, community law enforcement collaborative, executive coaching, and an option for a 3-hour snow day delay. Dr. Palmer also acknowledged and thanked Board members for their service, work and dedication to RSD#7: Ms. Kenneson, 15 years of service, Ms. Sexton Read, 12 years of service, and Mr. Jerram, 10 years of service. Brief questions and discussion followed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS:

Mr. Gaskins provided Board updates pertaining to: track completion timeline, non-certified staff negotiations, custodial negotiations, anticipated student parking increase challenge, cyber security issues along with best options as discussed with IT Director, Chris Fray. Brief discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Updates:

Ms. Sexton Read advised of meeting held with member towns where information was shared in anticipation of teacher negotiations. Ms. Kenneson advised that Ms. Paula Moribito at Shared Services has accepted another position at The American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, and Ms. Sexton Read advised of this year's Run Like a Deer event scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading: Policy 6146 Graduation Requirements. Ms. Sexton Read advised Board members to review and bring questions/comments for discussion at the next Board meeting.

At Mr. Gaskins' request, the First Reading: Policy 6142.101 Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (School Wellness Policy) was tabled and will be addressed at a future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Following brief discussion, the following Motion was made cancelling the next regular September, 2019, Board of Education meeting.

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **CANCEL** the next Board of Education meeting scheduled for September 25, 2019. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Mr. Nadeau. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **ADJOURN** at 7:37 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Mr. Nadeau. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile
Board Clerk

Next Meeting: October 9, 6:00 p.m., Newbury Library Media Center