

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7  
NEWBURY LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
MARCH 04, 2020 – 6 p.m.

**APPROVED 3/11/20**

**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. Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Ben Nadeau (N)

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

Ms. Sexton Read invited represented town officials to provide their input and/or comments pertaining to the District's 2020-2021 Proposed Budget.

Town Selectmen and Finance Officials from member towns shared comments and input on Regional School District No. 7's Proposed 2020-2021 Budget pertaining to issues regarding: enrollment reductions, mitigation strategies, contractual increases, special education expenses, high school reform and graduation requirements, and assessment allocations. Discussion followed, and Ms. Sexton Read thanked everyone for coming and expressed appreciation of their sharing viewpoints and community concerns.

**BOARD DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED BUDGET**

General Board discussion followed, and Mr. Gaskins presented reductions for Board consideration based on recently submitted retirements and resignations representing an additional savings of \$86,848, and new Proposed Budget totals of \$22,141,645 and percent increase of 2.90. Further discussion followed, and Board members were in agreement requesting that those reductions be made.

Ms. Sexton Read reviewed the updated Budget Timeline Calendar providing clarification on logistics. Questions and brief discussion followed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Ms. Fragale, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **ADJOURN** at 7:15 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile  
Board Clerk

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020, First Informal Town Presentation, Botelle School, Norfolk, followed by a Regular Board of Education Meeting.