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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

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JULY 8, 2020 – 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), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, High School Principal Mr. Gary Franklin, Middle School Principal Mr. Fran Amara

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

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

**PUBLIC:** Questions and comments from the Public can be sent to this email address: [publicinput@nwr7.org](mailto:publicinput@nwr7.org) and will be read by the Chair and addressed where possible.

Ms. Sexton Read advised of and briefly summarized an email received from a community member in support of distance learning.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **APPROVE** Board of Education Minutes of June 24, 2020, as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

**REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Palmer provided Board of Education updates pertaining to: Summer School Programs including Extended School Year and an Algebra Readiness Camp with in-person and virtual options, Reopening School Committee Plans and draft schedules being considered, and 2020-2021 Hiring Report. Questions and discussion followed with clarification provided by Mr. Amara and Mr. Franklin. Mr. Gaskins provided information pertaining to heating and air conditioning filtering levels and options.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gaskins provided the Board with an overview of 2019-20 favorable fund balance and associated COVID-19 savings that will be reflected in both the 2020-21 budget as town assessment “credits” and 2021-22 budget as assessment offsets to member towns. Mr. Gaskins provided estimated credits for each member town, and advised of CIRMA’s Member Equity Distribution for current fiscal year for RSD#7.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT

None.

Additional question presented by Mr. Jerram pertaining to High School Reform and COVID-19 was addressed by Mr. Franklin and Mr. Amara with a broad oversight on current plans and preparations for the unexpected. Dr. Palmer expressed confidence in administrative and staff ability to address any changes that may need to be made.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **ADJOURN** at 6:34 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile  
Board Clerk

Next scheduled Board of Education meeting: Wednesday, August 26, 2020, and Ms. Sexton Read advised that the Board is hoping for the meeting to be held in person in the Media Center.