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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

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JULY 8, 2020 – 6 p.m.

APPROVED 07/22/2020

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 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.