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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

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JUNE 24, 2020 – 6 p.m.

**APPROVED 07/08/2020**

**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. Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Mr. Ben Nadeau (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, High School Principal Mr. Ken Chichester, Middle School Principal Mr. Fran Amara, Mr. Gary Franklin

**ABSENT:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **APPROVE** Board of Education Minutes of June 10, 2020, as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Mr. Nadeau. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Ms. Duran, Ms. Fragale. **MOTION PASSED.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Board of Education – Acknowledgement of High School Principal, Mr. Ken Chichester.

Board members, led by Ms. Sexton Read, commended and thanked High School Principal, Mr. Ken Chichester, for his long career at Regional School District No. 7. Members spoke enthusiastically and with gratitude of Mr. Chichester's dedication, leadership, empathy, genuineness and commitment to his students, staff, administrators and community members. They commended his conviction of doing the right thing for all students all the time, inspiring and supporting generations of kids to become educated citizens. Mr. Chichester will be tremendously missed. Everyone wished him the very best in his well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Chichester spoke briefly that it has been an honor, inspiration, and privilege working in his various roles at Regional School District No. 7, and he thanked Board members for their commitment, courage and willingness to partner with him on the journey in support of the programs that support our students. Ms. Sexton Read presented Mr. Chichester with an award for his many years of dedication to the District.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment of High School Principal

Dr. Palmer recommended, with great pleasure, the appointment of Mr. Gary Franklin as the next Principal of Northwestern Regional High School. After extensive interviews, the Committee overwhelmingly recommended Mr. Franklin for the position, and Dr. Palmer feels that Mr. Franklin will represent our High School well due to his many examples of integrity, reflectiveness, commitment, and dedication to his

students and community. Dr. Palmer shared that Mr. Franklin is a talented administrator, and wonderful human being.

**MOTION** by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Fragale, **TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT** of Mr. Gary Franklin, as Regional School District No. 7, High School Principal. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Mr. Nadeau. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Franklin briefly spoke. He thanked the Board members and the administrative team at RSD#7, especially Ken, for always from day one, making him feel comfortable and supported in his role as High School Housemaster. Mr. Franklin is well aware of the huge shoes he needs to fill as Mr. Chichester's replacement, and he's excited to continue with the vision that the administration and Board has for the District. Mr. Franklin shared that it's been an honor and privilege working with Mr. Chichester, and his intention is to provide the District with the very best version of himself in his new role as High School Principal.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

Brief questions and discussion pertaining to Mr. Nadeau's end of term.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Nadeau, to **ADJOURN** at 6:27 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Mr. Nadeau. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile  
Board Clerk

Next Board of Education meeting: Wednesday, July 08, 2020.