

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BOTELLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
SECOND INFORMAL BUDGET PRESENTATION - NORFOLK
MARCH 30, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
APPROVED 4/13/2022

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Deb Bell (N), Ms. Kim Crone (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins
ABSENT: Ms. Mary Duran (B), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C)

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Ms. Sexton Read called the Second Informal Proposed Budget Presentation for the Town of Norfolk to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Sexton Read provided a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted historical expenditure increases, and continued with an overview of 2022-2023 budget drivers, academic performance, PSAT and SAT data comparatives, AP student scores, net current per pupil expenditures, member town current and projected straight line ADM, and total school enrollments. An Object breakdown of proposed increases/decreases was provided for Salaries, Benefits, Professional/Technical Services, Property Services, Other Purchased Services, Supplies, Property, Other Objects, Other Funds including a reduced bond principal payment to level fund a partial roof project, Excess Cost Expenditure Offsets, Revenues, and change in Average Daily Membership by Towns for a **2022-2023 Proposed Budget of \$22,902,378 representing an increase of \$547,532 or 1.97 percent.**

A historical Perspective on Assessments was provided, and Ms. Sexton Read concluded that Regional School District No. 7 continues to provide a rigorous and comprehensive educational program connecting students with their school and passions, an outstanding facility, and excellent extracurricular opportunities at costs in line with the statewide average and per pupil expenditures in the lower half of the Berkshire League.

Ms. Sexton Read thanked community members and expressed her appreciation for their support on behalf of all students within the District.

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Public questions and discussion followed pertaining to: very positive feedback and appreciation expressed for the National Blue Ribbon School Award Ceremony, strong communication within the community, twenty-five credit graduation requirement and gradual personnel shift to accommodate this mandate, media positions, fuel costs, and enrollment projections.

SECOND INFORMAL TOWN PRESENTATION – NORFOLK - concluded at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile