

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
NEW HARTFORD SENIOR CENTER
THIRD INFORMAL BUDGET PRESENTATION – NEW HARTFORD
APRIL 05, 2022, 7:00 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. 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), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C)

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Ms. Sexton Read began a PowerPoint presentation at 7:07 p.m. highlighting historical expenditure increases, 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 and 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 comment and brief discussion followed pertaining to Regional School District's consistently conservative budget reflected in New Hartford's assessment, and Dr. Palmer advised that she is always available for any additional questions.

THIRD INFORMAL TOWN PRESENTATION – NEW HARTFORD - concluded at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile