

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

JUNE 8, 2022 – 6 p.m.

**APPROVED 7/13/2022**

**PRESENT:** Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Ms. Kim Crone (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, High School Principal Mr. Gary Franklin, Middle School Principal Mr. Fran Amara, Student Representatives: Ms. Alexa Carroll, Ms. Morgan Plitt

**ABSENT:** Ms. Mary Duran (B)

**RECOGNITION RECEPTION OF TOP TEN STUDENTS 2021-2022:**

**RECEPTION** held in honor of the Top Ten Students, Class of 2022. Mr. Franklin introduced and individually commended the following students for their outstanding achievements in academic, athletic, volunteer and club activities, and many contributions and accomplishments as members of both Regional School District No. 7 and within their own communities: Eliza Austin, New Hartford; Lydia Beers, Norfolk; Grace Falk, New Hartford; Olivia Ficalora, New Hartford; Kaelyn Gallaway, New Hartford; Nicolas Giaconia, New Hartford; Isabella Gregor, New Hartford; Jacob Janco, New Hartford; Liam Murphy, Hartland; Charles Spath, New Hartford.

Ms. Sexton Read congratulated and thanked the Top Ten Students for their accomplishments, achievements, and dedication particularly during the challenging high school pandemic years and thanking, also, their family members for the support provided during these unprecedented times.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Sexton Read called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **APPROVE** the May 11, 2022, Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale. **MOTION PASSED.**

**REPORTS**

**STUDENT REPORTS:**

Ms. Plitt provided Board of Education updates pertaining to: Capstone Projects, Class Officer elections, anticipation of senior year, and commenting on how quickly junior year passed.

Ms. Carroll provided Board of Education updates pertaining to: final exam preparation, graduation at the Warner, excitement of graduation, and sincerely thanked the Board of Education for their support and providing the opportunity of being a student representative.

Ms. Sexton Read thanked Alexa and Morgan for their input and roles as student representatives, and advised that the Board is open to discussions on student thoughts and ideas of different ways of doing things that may make for positive changes in the student environment and climate.

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Mr. Amara provided Board of Education updates pertaining to: June 13, 2022 Grade 8 awards and Promotion Night, Summer School and Credit Enhancement Programs, and highlights of Middle School year-end activities.

In addition to presenting the Top Ten Students, Mr. Franklin commented very briefly on the Credit Enhancement Programs and Warner graduation.

Board of Education member, Lisa Fragale, commented on the excellent and outstanding performances of both the high school and middle school bands during the Memorial Day Parade in Winsted this year.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Palmer provided Board of Education updates pertaining to: Kindness in Motion Highlander Food Truck Festival thanking Gary Franklin for his work in organizing another highly successful event, student and staff Kindness in Motion celebration with 36 completed projects this year and \$500 scholarships awarded to seniors who have completed multiple years of Kindness in Motion projects along with the Spirit of Kindness Award to Megan Ficke and Ronda LeKang from the LINKS Program this year. Dr. Palmer additionally thanked Fran Amara for his outstanding work with Kindness in Motion, and Board of Education members for helping to make it all happen with their support.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mr. Gaskins provided Board of Education updates pertaining to: Business Office reorganization, VoAg bus grant, and his recent completion of course work in educational finance and certification from Georgetown University.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**UPDATES:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Palmer presented the new hire report for the 2022-2023 school year. MIRANDA GORDON, HS Art; MARY ZABOROWSKI, HS English; KRISTIN BAILEY, HS Science; EMILY STROSS, HS Social Studies; JENNIFER WHITE, MS Math; THOMAS SCARANGELO, MS Special Education; JOSHUA DECERBO, HS Science; LEXI MUNGER, HS English.

**MOTION** by Ms. Fragale, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **RESCHEDULE** the second June regular Board of Education meeting from June 22, 2022, to June 15, 2022 for graduation attendance. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **ADJOURN** at 7:27 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile  
Board Clerk