

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
AUGUST 24, 2022 – 6 p.m.  
**APPROVED 9/14/2022**

**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), Ms. Kim Crone (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, High School Principal Mr. Gary Franklin, Middle School Principal Mr. Fran Amara, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins

**ABSENT:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Sexton Read called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **APPROVE** the July 13, 2022, Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Fragale. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone. **MOTION PASSED.**

**REPORTS**

**PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Mr. Amara provided Board of Education updates pertaining to: Administrators' Retreat, Grade 7 orientation and transition, new teacher orientation, and Professional Development days. Brief discussion and questions followed.

Mr. Franklin provided Board of Education updates pertaining to: fall sports and parent night, Grade 9 and new student orientation, Band Camp, student activities, Europe Trip, and FFA Chapter Officer Leadership Training. Brief discussion and questions followed.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Palmer acknowledged with appreciation Mr. Gaskins and the custodial staff for their work, the Business Office for their work during the transition, and Mr. Franklin and Mr. Amara. Dr. Palmer provided Board of Education updates pertaining to: Exchange Student, Teacher and Administration negotiations, athletic trainer update and possible bus driver shortage for after school games, district housing shortages, CAPSS and SEL Committee work. Additionally, Dr. Palmer provided a complete hiring report for the 2022-2023 school year. Brief questions and discussion followed. Ms. Sexton Read thanked Dr. Palmer with appreciation for her dedication and work on behalf of the District.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mr. Gaskins provided Board of Education updates pertaining to summer projects including the storage building, STEM/Robotics room updates, elevator upgrade completion, girl's locker room, and high school flooring. Additionally, Mr. Gaskins advised that the annual bus contractor meeting went well, food service will continue with normal operations beginning the school year with a \$120,000 grant enabling all students to receive free breakfast and lunch until the grant runs out, state reporting completed, and routine summer maintenance completed smoothly. Mr. Gaskins provided thanks and appreciation for the entire custodial staff.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**UPDATES**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Approval of the Educational Assistant Contract.**

Mr. Gaskins presented the terms of the Agreement ratified by the union on July 22, 2022. Board of Education approval needed, and Mr. Gaskins requested a Motion for Approval.

**MOTION** by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **APPROVE** the Educational Assistant Contract as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

**6.2 Review of New Policy 4113.12 Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Periods for Teachers, First Read.**

**6.3 Review of Revised Policy 5131.81 Use of Private Technology Devices by Students, First Read.**

**6.4 Review of New Policy 4118.4/4218.4 Rights, Responsibilities and Duties Electronic Email, First Read.**

**6.5 Review of New Policy 4118.5/4218.5 Rights, Responsibilities and Duties Acceptable Computer Network Use, First Read.**

Questions and clarification provided by Dr. Palmer pertaining to First Read Policies.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

Brief discussion pertaining to Board of Education student representative responsibilities and input for the upcoming year.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **ADJOURN** at 6:50 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile, Board Clerk