

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

COLEBROOK TOWN HALL

**Regular Board of Education Meeting Immediately Following
Informal Budget Presentation - Colebrook**

March 22, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

MOTIONS

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

Absent: Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Mary Duran (B)

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **APPROVE** the March 1, 2023 Special Board of Education Meeting-Budget Workshop Minutes, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Fragale, to **APPROVE** the March 8, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Fragale, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **APPROVE *Participation of Healthy Food Option of HFC*** as presented: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Region No. 7 Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **APPROVE *Healthy Food Options of HFS*** as presented: The Region No. 7 Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

ADOPTION OF CALL OF BUDGET HEARING

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **ADOPT THE CALL OF BUDGET HEARING** as presented by Ms. Sexton Read, “The electors and those entitled to vote in town meeting in the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, New Hartford, and Norfolk, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a District Hearing for Regional School District No. 7 will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Roberta S. Ohotnick Little Theatre in the High School building, at which meeting the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, will be presented. Any person may recommend the inclusion or deletion of the expenditures at such a meeting. The annual Meeting of said District will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.” **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

DECISION ON 2023-2024 REFERENDUM

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **ACCEPT** Decision of Referendum for the 2023-2024 Budget. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

ADOPTION OF REFERENDUM QUESTION

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **ADOPT REFERENDUM QUESTION**, “Shall the Regional School District No. 7 Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, be accepted?” “YES” vote is for approval, and “NO” vote is for disapproval. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Bell to **MOVE** the Wednesday, *April 12, 2023* Board of Education meeting to the Special Board of Education meeting on Thursday, *April 6, 2023* at New Hartford Town Hall- Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. following the Fourth Informal Town Presentation- New Hartford.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ADJOURN** at 7:38 p.m. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett
Board Clerk