

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7**  
**BOTELLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CAFETERIA**  
**SECOND INFORMAL BUDGET PRESENTATION- Norfolk**  
March 29, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.  
**APPROVED 4.17.2023**

**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. Mary Duran (B), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Lisa Fragale(C). Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins.

**Absent:** None

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Ms. Sexton Read began the PowerPoint presentation at 6:31 p.m. highlighting historical expenditure increases, an overview of the 2023-2024 budget drivers, Smarter Balance achievement results, Vision of the Graduate, additional course offerings, PSAT and SAT data comparatives, AP student scores, net current per pupil expenditures, member town and projected straight line ADM, and the 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, and Debt. Excess Cost Expenditure Offsets, Revenues, and change in Average Daily Membership by Towns for a **2023-2024 Proposed Budget of \$23,455,528 representing an increase of \$553,150 and 2.42 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 passions, and outstanding facility, and excellent extracurricular opportunities at costs in line with the statewide average and per pupil expenditures aligning in the middle of the Berkshire League.

Ms. Sexton Read thanked the community members and expressed her appreciation for their support on behalf of all the students within the district. Dr. Palmer advised she is always available for any additional questions and concerns.

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Public comment and brief discussion followed pertaining to the Excess Cost Grant and reimbursement funding from the State, and enrollment projections. Brief discussion followed.

Dr. Palmer ended the meeting by thanking all from the bottom of heart for the support the elected officials have shown for NWR7, and for the support of staff and the administration. Dr. Palmer expressed that it has been an honor to educate the children of Norfolk and a pleasure to serve the District in the role of Superintendent.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett  
Board Clerk