

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
NEW HARTFORD TOWN HALL- SENIOR CENTER
Regular Board of Education Meeting Immediately Following
Informal Budget Presentation- New Hartford
April 6, 2023 – 7:00 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. Lisa Fragale(C), Ms. Theresa Kenneson(C)-joined by phone . Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins.

Absent: Ms. Mary Duran (B).

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADOPTION OF BUDGET TO TAKE TO ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING- APRIL 17, 2023

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **ADOPT** the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget of \$23,455,528 representing a 2.42 percent increase above the 2022-2023 Adopted Budget to take to the Annual District Hearing on April 17, 2023. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Ms. Sexton Read made a move that the Board of Education enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** for the purpose of discussing the possible election/appointment and terms of employment of a new Superintendent of Schools.

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ENTER** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

The Board **ENTERED** into **Executive Session** at 7:46 p.m.

The Board **EXITED** out of **Executive Session** at 8:00 p.m.

Ms. Sexton Read moved that the Board of Education, on the recommendation of a search committee and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 10-157, hereby elects Steven Lepage as Superintendent of Schools of Regional School District No. 7, with Mr. LePage's initial term commencing on or about July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026, subject to the execution of a contract between the parties.

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

Ms. Sexton Read moved to authorize the Board Chair to negotiate, enter into and execute a contract with the Superintendent consistent with the terms discussed in **EXECUTIVE SESSION** and subject to any necessary legal review.

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

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Fragale to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8:10 p.m. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett
Board Clerk