

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES – MAY 1, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
ROBERTA S. OHOTNICKY LITTLE THEATER**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Sexton Read asked for a **MOTION** to nominate a Moderator.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram seconded by Ms. Bell, to **NOMINATE** Mr. Schuyler Thomson, Town of New Hartford, as Moderator. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Gauthier, read **CALL OF THE DISTRICT MEETING:**

A District Meeting of Regional School District No. 7 will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the school building in Winsted, Connecticut, for the following business:

- (1) To authorize the Regional Board of Education to apply for, accept, and expend, in addition to the regular school budget, any state, federal, or private grant money which may be available for special purposes during the fiscal year 2023-2024.
- (2) To accept the annual budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023. Copies of the budget are on hand in the offices of the Town Clerks of each of the member towns.

The Board of Education for Regional School District No. 7 has designated that the vote on the motion to adopt the budget shall be by a “yes” or “no” vote on the optical scan machines in each of the member towns on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, with hours to be set by individual towns as established by state statutes.

Notices were posted on all four (4) town signposts, and an advertisement was placed in the local newspaper.

Mr. Thomson asked for a **MOTION** to **ACCEPT ITEM #1 and #2** of the **CALL OF THE MEETING.**

- (3) **MOTION** by Mr. Jerram, Town of New Hartford, seconded by Ms. Fragale, Town of Colebrook, to **ACCEPT ITEM #1 and #2** of the Call of the Meeting as follows: “To authorize the Regional Board of Education to apply for, accept, and expend, in addition to the regular school budget, any state, federal, or private grant money which may be available for special purposes during the fiscal year 2023-2024. To accept the annual budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023. Copies of the budget are on hand in the offices of the Town Clerks of each of the member towns.” **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Mr. Thomson returned the meeting to Ms. Sexton Read, who advised that since the Board of Education has designated that the vote on the motion to adopt the budget is by “yes” or “no” vote on optical scan machines in each of the member towns on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, with the hours to be set by individual towns as established by state statute, declared the District Budget Meeting be **ADJOURNED TO REFERENDUM** on May 1, 2023, at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett, Board Clerk