

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7**

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**Board of Education Meeting**

May 10, 2023 – 6:00 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. Mary Duran (B), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, High School Principal Mr. Gary Franklin, Student Representatives: Fiona Leon and Morgan Plitt.

**Absent:** Ms. Terri Kenneson (C), Ms. Lisa Fragale(C), Middle School Principal Mr. Fran Amara.

**RECEPTION FOR THE TOP TEN STUDENTS 2022-2023:**

**RECEPTION** held for the Top Ten Students, Class of 2023. Mr. Franklin introduced and individually commended the following students for their outstanding achievements in academic, athletic, volunteer and club activities, and many contributions and accomplishments as members of both Regional School District No. 7 and within their own communities: Madeline Adams- New Hartford, Alexander Borelli - New Hartford, Carly Budge- Barkhamsted, Christopher Ferrarotti- New Hartford, Owen Frost – Barkhamsted, Noah Green- Norfolk, Elizabeth Jerram- New Hartford, Dylan Markwas- Barkhamsted, Meagan Spielman- New Hartford, Rachel Viets- New Hartford.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Sexton Read called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **APPROVE** Annual District Budget Hearing and the Board of Education Minutes of April 17, 2023, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNIAMINOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **APPROVE** Annual District Budget Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2023, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNIAMINOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **APPROVE** the three instruction textbooks for AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science, and US History, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNIAMINOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **APPROVE** RSD7 to open an additional CD, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNIAMINOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **APPROVE** the budget transfers, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNIAMINOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **APPROVE** Dr. Palmer's letter of resignation, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNIAMINOUSLY.**

**Authorization to make End-Of-Year Adjustments within the 2022-2023 Budget Limits.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **AUTHORIZE** Dr. Palmer and Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Gaskins to make end-of-year adjustments as necessary within the 2022-2023 budget limits. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNIAMINOUSLY.**

**Authorization to borrow \$500,000 in anticipation of receipts.** **MOTION** by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **AUTHORIZE** Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Gaskins to borrow \$500,000 in anticipation of receipts. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNIAMINOUSLY.**

**Authorization for the Superintendent to fill vacancies already approved by the Board of Education and hire grant funded positions for special purposes for the 2023-2024 school year. MOTION** by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent to fill vacancies already approved by the Board of Education and hire grant funded positions for special purposes. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Rebekah Woodworth's Letter of Resignation:** Rebekah is an Agricultural Education Teacher. She is resigning as of June 30, 2023. The Board and Dr. Palmer wish Ms. Woodworth all the best moving forward.

**MOTION** by Ms. Crone, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **ACCEPT** Ms. Woodworth's letter of resignation, as presented. The board wishes, with much gratitude, all the best in moving forward. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Kurt Dougan's Letter of Resignation:** Mr. Dougan has submitted his letter of resignation due to the expiration of the extension of his certification to teach technology education. Mr. Dougan will ALWAYS be remembered for his outstanding work. Dr. Palmer accepts this resignation with a deep sense of gratitude.

**MOTION** by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ACCEPT** Mr. Dougan's letter of resignation, as presented. The board wishes, with much gratitude, all the best in moving forward and thanks him for his service to RSD7. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Krista Brazie's Letter of Resignation:** Ms. Brazie, a Middle School ELA Teacher, has decided to stay home with her twins and 3 other children. She planned to return to work, yet recently changed her mind. Dr. Palmer wishes Ms. Brazie all the best moving forward.

**MOTION** by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ACCEPT** Ms. Brazie's letter of resignation, as presented. The board wishes, with much gratitude, all the best in moving forward. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **CANCEL** the **May 24, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting**, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ADJOURN** the **June 14, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting and substitute the RSD7 Graduation Ceremony for this meeting**, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Duran, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **CANCEL** the **June 28, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting**, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **AUTHORIZE** Ms. Sexton Read to negotiate the terms and conditions of Dr. Palmer in the transition period over to Superintendent LePage as per the reflection of the conversation with the Board, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Duran, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **APPROVE** the Board of Education to design a recognition of Dr. Palmer for her retirement to be determined, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **ADJOURN** at 7:54 p.m. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett  
Board Clerk