

## REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

NEWBURY LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER

### Board of Education Meeting

July 12, 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. Terri Kenneson (C), Ms. Mary Duran (B), Superintendent Mr. Steven K. LePage, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins.

**ABSENT:** Lisa Fragale (C).

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Sexton Read called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** None.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION BY** Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **APPROVE** May 8, 2023, Special Board of Education Meeting: Expulsion Hearings as amended, as presented: **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone. **MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION BY** Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **APPROVE** May 10, 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:** Ms. Kenneson. **MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **APPROVE** June 15, 2023, Board of Education Meeting- Special Meeting, as presented: **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Mr. Jerram, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson. **MOTION PASSED.**

#### CORRESPONDENCE

**Teri Padua's retirement 6/30/2023** -Teri Padua is the Library Media Specialist. She is retiring as of June 30, 2023. The Board and Superintendent LePage thank Ms. Padua for her 13 years of service and dedication to NWR7 and wish her all the best in her retirement.

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

**Kelsey Leach's request for one-year child-rearing leave 2023-2024** - Ms. Leach is a Science Teacher. She had a baby in late December of 2022. She is requesting a one-year child-rearing leave. The Board and Superintendent LePage wish her a wonderful year of many memories with her new baby.

**MOTION** by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ACCEPT** Ms. Leach's request, as presented. The board wishes, with much gratitude, all the best. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Christine Kersten's letter of resignation:** Ms. Kersten has resigned from her position as a Special Education Teacher due to accepting a position closer to home. The Board and Superintendent LePage thank Ms. Kersten for her 20 years of service and dedication to NWR7 and wish her all the best in her new position.

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

#### OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **ENTER** into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** to review the retiring Superintendent's contractual agreement for 2023-2024 school year, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Board **ENTERED** into **Executive Session** at 6:27 p.m.

The Board **EXITED** out of **Executive Session** at 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Sexton Read moved that the Board of Education approve the District's coverage of Dr. Palmer's health insurance for one year and consulting services to be paid at Dr. Palmer's per diem rate with a cap of \$10,000.00.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:50 p.m. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting: August 23, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett  
Board Clerk