REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

NEWBURY LIBRARY-MEDIA CENTER
Board of Education Meeting
October 11, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED 11.8.23

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), Lisa Fragale(C), Superintendent Mr. Steven K. LePage, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, Middle School Principal Fran Amara, High School Principal Gary Franklin, Student Representatives Fiona Leon and Owen Langer.

ABSENT: Ms. Mary Duran (B).

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Crone, to APPROVE September 13, 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting, as presented: AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Terri Kenneson. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT OWEN LANGER

Mr. Langer communicated that most Fall Sports are midway point of the season. Soccer, cross country, and volleyball will have playoffs in the beginning of November, yet golf finishes the season a bit earlier. Field Hockey had a PINK-OUT game where they were raising money to fight cancer. The team sold pink leis and had a bake sale. Spirit week and the homecoming dance were a success. Many students supported their class during the decorating theme competition. Seniors finished in first place, freshmen and sophomores landed in third and second place, respectively, while the juniors landed in fourth place. Ms. Leon and Mr. Langer, with the help of Ms. Waring, the Library Media Specialist, began ordering new furniture for the Library Media Project, and two chairs have arrived.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT FIONA LEON

Ms. Leon expressed how Spirit Week was so much fun, with America Monday, Adam Sandler Day, Country vs. Country Club Day, Class Color Day and Theme Day. The Pep Rally was a success, but most games were postponed due to rain. The Homecoming Dance was a lot of fun. Theatre is rehearsing for the CLUE performance in November. Choir and band are working on Regional Auditions. All the clubs are starting back up: Model UN, Yoga Club, NHS (National Honor Society) Club, to name a few. Coming in a few weeks is a PSAT day for freshmen, sophomores, juniors and college and planning day for seniors. The Library Media Project, Ms. Leon, Mr. Langer, and Ms. Waring finalized the furniture plans. Some orders were placed, and when deliveries are made, they will be reassessed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FRAN AMARA

Principal Amara presented the Middle School State Assessment Data outcomes from last school year 2022-2023. The presentation is attached.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL GARY FRANKLIN

Principal Franklin presented the High School State Assessment Data outcomes from last school year, 2022-2023. The presentation is attached.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT STEVEN K. LEPAGE

Roof Information Overview: Superintendent LePage explained that he sends the communication to BOE, Staff and Parents to keep all informed about the roof. He walked the roof with Keith Boyle and really confirmed he understood and explained to all the ongoing issues of the roof and what the plans are moving forward.

Recap of Spirit Week Highlights: Superintendent LePage expressed that experiencing Spirit Week at NWR7 was incredibly positive. He was impressed by the students' creativity, energy, and positivity.

Monthly Smore Superintendent's District Newsletter: Superintendent LePage sends this newsletter to all students, staff, and families. He tries to be festive, and share information and reflections of the school happenings. He will expand the newsletter with photos, and events happening throughout the school year.

Review of Weather-Related Decision Process Letter to Community: Superintendent LePage sent out a letter regarding the process of weather-related decisions. He also visited all the Highway Departments- New Hartford, Colebrook, Norfolk, and Barkhamsted- to meet all Highway personnel. He communicates with the local Superintendents on the process of weather-related decisions.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS JAMES GASKINS

Non-Certified Personnel Changes: A 3rd shift custodian resigned, yet the opening was filled with a current employee that works in the Food Service Department. This employee will be going to 3rd shift, yet NWR7 then had to fill the Food Service position. After the posting and interview process, a candidate was selected and the position was filled.

Business and Operations: As far as the business audit, Mr. Gaskins explained has not heard any information on the audit. He will contact the auditors in November to confirm that the auditing process is completed in a timely manner.

Budget Process: The budget development packets went out to all department heads last Friday. They have a month to complete the budget packets and return to the business office.

Administrative Assistants Bargaining Unit Negotiations: The committee and the Union reached a tentative agreement. The next step is that the Administrative Assistants' Union must ratify this tentative agreement. Once the Administrative Assistants' Union ratifies it, it will then be brought to the BOE for ratification.

Grant Applications: Mr. Gaskins reviewed that the Multi-Media School Security Grant Application now has official approval. The School Security Program Grant was not approved. This was a larger-scope grant. NWR7 will apply for this grant again in 2024. The Federal Grant called the School Violence Prevention Program (\$670,000.00) which encompasses an increase in security yet also updates the outdated infrastructure in the school. It makes all the variety of systems interoperable which is critical for communication and security. Mr. Gaskins has not had any communication on this grant.

Roof Project: Mr. Gaskins and Keith Boyle met with the architect to review the grant application process.

OLD BUSINESS

Updates:

Superintendent LePage reviewed the NWR7 Band Disney World Trip – Dec. 9 – 12, 2023. The students and and staff land and participate in workshops at Epcot and also attend live performances and write about the experiences while enjoying the MAGIC of Disney World. A brief explanation and itinerary is attached. Superintendent LePage also mentioned the Vo-Ag National Trip to Indianapolis from Nov. 1 - 4, 2023. Mr. Andrew O'Brien will be driving the bus with students and staff.

BOE Goals: Molly Sexton-Read has set a BOE Meeting with the four BOE chairs from the four member towns of NWR7 on October 30, 2023. Ms. Sexton-Read's goal is to check in with all and discuss challenges

of each BOE and have a discussion about the K-12 Curriculum Community.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on the revision of the BOE MEETING Calendar for 2023-2024 and changes of four meetings in Feb 2024 and March of 2024. Ms. Sexton-Read advised that she is in agreement to place the Feb and March changes, as presented. In January, the BOE will review the entire BUDGET Calendar meeting, including the BOE meeting dates.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS None.

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Crone, to CANCEL the Regular Scheduled Meeting on October 25, 2023, as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None, MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell, to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:08 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. MOTION PASSED.

Next Regular Board of Education Meeting: November 8, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett Board Clerk

NWR7 BAND DISNEY WORLD TRIP 2023

Members of the HS Band and Choir will be traveling to Disney World in Florida from December 9th-12th (Sat-Tue).

We have 63 students attending the trip, with all three music teachers going, one school nurse, and six parents.

Both the Band and Choir will be participating in separate 2 hour workshops in Epcot where they will be learning about how Disney music is produced and recorded, as well as learning some music to sync to a section of a Disney movie.

As Disney World has an amazing variety of live music at every park, students will be required to attend 6 performances and write about the performances they attended - what they liked, what they heard musicially, etc.

Thank you,

Jim Lesieur Middle School Band Director Music Department Chair Northwestern Middle/High School 100 Battistoni Drive Winsted, CT 06098

Academic and Performance Travel

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Sun., Dec. 10	Workshops/EPCOT
Chorus Schedule	Explore EPCOT
1:45 p.m.	Lunch on Own Chorus Meets at Germany Pavilion Disney Team Member Escorts Group to Studio "A" backstage at EPCOT.
2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Disney Imagination Campus Soundtrack Sessions: Vocal Chorus Re-Enters Epcot
All Groups	Explore World Showcase and Celebrate Holidays Around the World. Dinner Included (\$15 Dining Card)
9:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m.	Harmonious Celebration Transfer to Hotel
Mon. Dec 11	DISNEY'S MAGIC KINGDOM
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Hotel (Included) Transfer to the MAGIC KINGDOM Explore DISNEY'S MAGIC KINGDOM Lunch on Own
	Dinner Included (\$15 Dining Card)
9:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Disney's Enchantment Firework Spectacular Transfer to Hotel
Tues., Dec. 12	Departure Day/DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast at Hotel (Included) Load Luggage on Bus
7:45 a.m.	Transfer to DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM Explore DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM
3:45 p.m.	Lunch on Own Transfer to Orlando International Airport
6:26 p.m.	Flight Departs Orlando
9:10 p.m.	Flight Arrives into New York, NY (JFK) Collect Luggage Board Buses for School

<u>Please Note:</u> Some changes may occur in the itinerary due to crowd flow, group size, weather, traffic, parks hours, availability and scheduling.

Northwestern Regional School District No. 7 Summative Assessment Results Overview 2023

Regional School District No. 7
The Pride of the Northwest Corner

Northwestern Regional School District No. 7 Theory of Action 2023-24

1. Theory of Action for Improved Student Achievement

- a. <u>Curriculum and Instruction</u>: **If** we develop an aligned, well resourced, and viable CCSS based curriculum that supports the delivery of high impact instructional strategies, **then** student learning and achievement will increase.
- b. <u>Assessment</u>: If we establish rigorous formative and summative school based assessments that are aligned with the CCSS, then we can target high impact instructional strategies on the areas of greatest student need and the pace of achievement will increase.
- c. <u>Social, Emotional and Academic Development</u>: **If** we model explicit instruction in understanding and applying SEL competencies, embed opportunities to practice these skills, and provide a healthy, safe, purposeful learning environment, **then** student achievement will improve.

2. Theory of Action Regarding Professional Development and Collaboration

- a. If we provide opportunities for our teachers to engage in collaborative analysis of student work and assessment results so teachers work together in order to refine their teaching, **then** instructional quality and efficiency will improve and student achievement will increase.
- b. If we provide on-going, job embedded opportunities for teachers to offer and receive feedback regarding their instructional strategies (through PLCs, peer coaching, instructional rounds, and observation feedback), then instructional quality and efficiency will improve and student learning will increase.
- c. **If** we provide faculty and staff with on-going social and emotional skills training, **then** we will foster a school district that embodies social, emotional and cognitive learning for every member of our community.

3. Theory of Action Regarding Communication

a. **If** we communicate and engage effectively with all stakeholders, **then** we create shared ownership of the district's mission and vision to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of our students and learning will increase.

SBA and NGSS Achievement Levels

Level 1: Does not meet standard

Level 2: Approaching the standard

Level 3: Meets the achievement standard

Level 4: Exceeds the achievement standard

Northwestern Middle School

SBA Summative Results 2023 Math and ELA

7th and 8th Grade	2023
Math	61%
ELA	68%

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SBA Summative Results 2023 NGSS

8th Grade	2023
NGSS	71%

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Summative Assessment Results

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ELA	73%	No Data	58%	62%	68%
Math	47%	No Data	34%	50%	61%
NGSS	63%	No Data	58%	64%	71%

2023 Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment

Math Achievement Results

	Grade 7	Grade 8
Northwestern	59%	65%
State of CT	39.9%	36.2%

2023 Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment

ELA Achievement Results

	Grade 7	Grade 8
Northwestern	63%	73%
State of CT	48.8%	48.5%

Class of 2027 Cohort Trend

Summative Assessment Results

	2018-2019 4th Grade	2019-2020 5th Grade	2020-21 6th Grade	2021-22 7th Grade	2022-23 8th Grade
Math	67%	No Data	57%	64%	65%
ELA	69%	No Data	69%	69%	73%

Class of 2028 Cohort Trend

Summative Assessment Results

	2018-2019 3rd Grade	2019-2020 4th Grade		2021-2022 6th Grade	2022-2023 7th Grade
Math	62%	No Data	38%	44%	59%
ELA	61%	No Data	63%	53%	63%

2023 Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment

Special Education Students
ELA and Math Achievement Results

	Grade 7	Grade 8
ELA	25%	61%
Math	12%	30%

Northwestern Regional High School

- Overview of the PSAT/SAT
- Class of 2024 Cohort: PSAT/SAT Results
- 2023 Advanced Placement Tests
- NGSS Results
- In Response to Data Trends

Overview of the PSAT and SAT

- PSAT 8/9: 9th Grade
- PSAT/NMSQT: 10th and 11th grade
 - National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
 - 11th graders are eligible for National Merit Scholarship (and additional scholarship opportunities) based on performance
- SAT: 11th grade
 - Spring of Junior year
 - Test is now administered electronically (as of Spring 2022)

Class of 2023 Cohort: PSAT/SAT Results

<u>Test</u>	<u>Date</u>	Number of Students	<u>Results</u>
10th Grade PSAT	October 2020	143 Students	Mean: 933 ELA: 473 Math: 460
11th Grade PSAT	October 2021	144 Students	Mean: 983 ELA: 503 Math: 480
11th Grade SAT	March 2022	142 Students	Mean: 1023 ELA: 523 Math: 500

Class of 2024 Cohort: PSAT/SAT Results

<u>Test</u>	<u>Date</u>	Number of Students	<u>Results</u>
10th Grade PSAT	October 2021	124 students	Mean: 954 ELA: 488 Math: 466
11th Grade PSAT	October 2022	125 students	Mean: 1016 ELA: 517 Math: 499
11th Grade SAT	March 2023	123 Students	Mean: 1060 ELA: 532 Math: 528

Northwestern Regional High School Comparison Data NWR7 v. State v. Nation SAT performance/ SAT school day administration 2023

	Mean	ELA	Math
NWR7	1060	532	528
СТ	975	493	482
Nation	960	490	470

Advanced Placement Tests

During the 2022-23 school year, **83** AP students completed **137** AP tests. **81% of students scored a 3+** (pass rate).

Summary of Northwestern's AP test performance from 2018-2023

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of AP Classes Offered	12	11	11	11	13	13
Total AP Students	102	115	108	99	106	83
Number of Exams	164	183	175	161	168	137
AP Students with Scores 3+	90	103	98	81	88	67
% of Total AP Tests with Score of 3+	88%	90%	90%	83%	86%	84%

2023 AP Scores: NWR7 Average at Goal (3+)

- AP US History: 94.7%
- AP US Gov. and Politics: 93.8%
- AP Comp. Gov and Politics:
 92.3%
- AP European History: 100%
- AP Psychology: 41.2%
- AP Statistics: 100%
- AP Calculus AB: 100%
- AP Calculus BC: 100%

- AP Biology: 90%
- AP Environmental: 71.4%
- AP Chemistry: 100%
- AP Eng. Lang: 81.3%
- AP Eng. Lit: 100%

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

The **Next Generation Science Standards** is a multi-state effort in the United States to create new education standards that are rich in content and practice, arranged in a coherent manner across disciplines and grades to provide all students an *internationally benchmarked science education*.

NGSS measures 3 areas of science:

- Earth/Space sciences
- Life sciences
- Physical sciences

Northwestern Regional High School: NGSS Data 2019-2023

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
620/	No Data	E60/	610/	670/
63%	No Data	56%	61%	67%

