

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

March 27 2024 – Immediately following Norfolk Informal Budget Presentation
Botelle School Cafeteria, Norfolk

MOTIONS

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Ms. Kim Crone (N), Ms. Mary Duran (B), Ms. Lisa Fragale(C), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Superintendent Steven K. LePage, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins.

Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH).

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **APPROVE** the March 13, 2024, Board of Education Meeting Minutes, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Fragale, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **APPROVE** the March 20, 2024, Board of Education First Informal Budget Presentation- Colebrook Meeting Minutes, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Duran. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of the Call of the Budget Hearing

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ADOPT** the call of the budget hearing as presented. The electors and those entitled to vote in town meetings in the towns of Barkhamsted, Colebrook, New Hartford, and Norfolk, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a district hearing for the Regional School District No. 7 will be held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Roberta S. Ohotnicky Little Theatre of the high school building, at which meeting the proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 will be presented. Any person may recommend the inclusion or deletion of expenditures at such meeting. The Annual Meeting of said District will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Decision of Referendum

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **ADOPT** the RSD#7 2024-2025 Budget to take to Referendum with a 3.47% increase, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Adoption of Referendum Question

MOTION by Ms. Duran, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ACCEPT** Regional School District No. 7 Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **MOVE April 10, 2024 Regular BOE Meeting to April 4, 2024 Meeting** after the Informal Town Budget Presentation in Barkhamsted, Barkhamsted Elementary-Cafeteria following the 7:00 p.m. presentation. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Fragale, to **MOVE APRIL 24, 2024 Regular BOE Meeting to April 22, 2024** Regional Budget Hearing to Adopt Budget to go to District Budget Meeting, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Duran, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ADJOURN** at 8:08 p.m. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett
Board Clerk