

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
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SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

May 15, 2024 – 6 p.m.

APPROVED 7.10.24

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

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Sexton Read completed a brief synopsis of the proposed MOU between the RSD#7 and the Northwestern Teachers' Association for certified teachers' children who do not live in the district to attend RSD#7 at a tuition cost equal to 50% of the net current per pupil expenditure per capita. Ms. Kenneson communicated that this MOU would be a the positive impact on revenue and the addition of students to a declining enrollment. Ms. Bell stated that this is a wonderful opportunity for teachers for retention and new hires as an incentive. Ms. Crone stated that she could not understand why this would be a negative impact on RSD#7. Ms. Crone stated that it is a plus for revenue, student enrollment, and overall retention of teachers. Ms. Fragale stated that as long as the wording protects RSD#7, she expressed that this agreement would be positive for RSD#7. Ms. Duran by phone expressed that her employer (school in Simsbury) also establishes this practice and it has been positive for the school and teacher retention. Mr. Jerram suggested that a reduced tuition has negative consequences for RSD#7 and expressed that all out-of-district students should pay full tuition. Mr. Gauthier stated that there are inequities. A brief discussion followed.

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Fragale, to **ADOPT** the **MOU between the RSD#7 and the Northwestern Teachers' Association for certified teachers' children who do not live in the district to attend RSD#7 at a tuition cost equal to 50% of the net current per pupil expenditure per capita**, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Ms. Duran and Mr. Gauthier exited the meeting by phone.

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **CANCEL** the **Regular BOE Meeting for June 12, 2024**, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Fragale, to **CANCEL** the **Regular BOE Meeting for June 26, 2024**, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Fragale, to **ADJOURN** at 6:33 p.m. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett
Board Clerk