AGENDA –Wednesday, February 12, 2025

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMENDED * ITEM ADDED- REPORTS
6:00 p.m.
Newbury Library Media Center

Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education Mission Statement:

We believe the public education is an essential component of a free and democratic society. In a partnership of family, school, community, and local and state government, our mission is to enable all students to meet high standards, make productive choices in their personal lives, contribute to a diverse global society and act as responsible citizens.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PUBLIC PORTION

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 3.1 January 22, 2025, Regular Board of Education Meeting

4.0 REPORTS
- 4.1 Student Representatives Report – Amaya Washington, Owen Langer
- 4.2 Principal's Reports – R. Cornelius, G. Franklin
- 4.3 Superintendent's Report: Steven K. LePage
- 4.4 Director of Finance and Operations - J. Gaskins

5.0 OLD BUSINESS
- 5.1 Discussion/Second Reading and BOE Approval of RSD#7 Policies ~ 1000 Series
- 5.2 Updates
- 5.3 BOE Goals

6.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 6.1 Action- Motion(s) for Local BOE Acceptance of Final Completion of the Vo-Ag Bus Grant Project
- 6.2 Action- Motion for BOE Approval of RSD#7 Colebrook and Norfolk Student Transportation Contracts
- 6.3 Discussion/First Reading of RSD#7 Graduation Policy
- 6.4 Discussion/First Reading of School Climate Policy
- 6.5 Discussion/First Reading of Restorative Practices Policy

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 7.1 Approval of Highlander Volley Camp ~ August 4-7, 2025, school gymnasiums

8.0 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION
- 9.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Superintendent's contract and performance review

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Enclosures: January 22, 2025 Regular BOE Meeting Minutes
Policies ~ 1000 Series
RSD#7 Graduation Policy, School Climate Policy, and Restorative Practices Policy
Letter of Request~ Highlander Volleyball Camp

Next Meeting:	*February 26, 2025*	*@ 6:00 p.m. – Newbury Library Media Center ~Budget Workshop*
	March 5, 2025	*@ 6:00 p.m. – Newbury Library Media Center ~Budget Workshop Special Meeting*
	March 12, 2025	*@ 6:00 p.m. – Newbury Library Media Center ~*
	March 15, 2025	*@ 8:00 a.m. – Budget Workshop New Hartford BOF- New Hartford Town Hall*
	March 19, 2025	*@ 6:00 p.m. – First Town Budget Presentation ~ Colebrook*

We welcome the public to share their comments via publicinput@nwr7.org.Your emails will be considered during the Public Comment session of the meeting. Thank you for your participation.

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Newbury Library Media Center
Board of Education Meeting
January 22, 2025 – 6:00 p.m..
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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. Lisa Fragale (C), Superintendent Steven K. LePage, **Absent**: Ms. Terri Kenneson (C), Ms. Mary Duran (B).

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

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms.Crone, to **APPROVE** January 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Ms. Fragale. **MOTION PASSED**.

OLD BUSINESS

Updates: None
BOE Goals: None

NEW BUSINESS

Review/Approval of plans and bidding preparation documents for State Project #207-0032 RR - Vo Ag roof project

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Bell, based on the Vocational Agricultural Roof Replacement Building Committee review and recommendation for **State Project #207-0032**, the Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education hereby **CERTIFIES** that these final plans and project manual(s) as prepared for bidding and dated January 18, 2025, and the professional cost estimate, completed in accordance with Level 3 of ASTM International Standard F1557, Standard Classification of Building Elements and Related Sitework - UNIFORMAT II for the project, dated January 18, 2025 have been reviewed and approved for this project on the date of 1/22/25, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier**,** Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None**. ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Discussion and First Reading of RSD#7- 1000 Series

Review of 1000 Series Policies as presented in Shipman and Goodwin's Policy Review, BOE members were given copies of the first draft of the 1000 series of policies for which Superintendent LePage has completed/updated and revised for this review. Prior to tonight's meeting, BOE members were given all the updated policies with a detailed Google Sheet of all the 1000 series created by Superintendent LePage for the 1000 Series that are mandated and recommended. The BOE members were to read through all of the policies within this series, determine if each policy is in keeping with the Board's philosophy, and review the mandated and recommended policies. The BOE members were to consider which policies should be included as well as any changes, additions, and deletions that were necessary. At this meeting, the BOE members discussed policies 1110.1 through 1700, and reviewed all additional mandated and recommended policies of the 1000 series. The BOE members determined which policies to include in the policy manual. Those that determined

should be included in the manual were reviewed over word for word. The BOE members decided to keep some as currently written, some needed additional language for clarification or updating, some policies chose to use Shipman and Goodwin's sample policies to replace RSD#7's existing policies, some policies chose to use a combination of existing language and Shipman and Goodwin's sample language**.** Discussion followed with each policy reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kathy Cady- Art Teacher- Letter of Resignation

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **ACCEPT** Kathy Cady's letter of resignation, as presented. The BOE wished Ms. Cady all the best and thanked her for her wonderful years of service and dedication to the district, students, and staff with tremendous gratitude. The BOE wished Ms. Cady all the best in the next phases of her life. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier**,** Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None**. ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
None

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ADJOURN** at 7:51 p.m**. AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier**,** Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale. **NAY:** None**. ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next BOE MEETING will be held on February 12, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Barrett
Board Clerk

NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

BARKHAMSTED, COLEBROOK, NEW HARTFORD and NORFOLK

The mission of Northwestern Regional High School is to foster academic and personal excellence in every student. In partnership with families and communities, we create a safe learning environment dedicated to developing the skills of lifelong learning. Our dynamic and challenging educational program prepares individuals to respect diversity and become responsible citizens in a rapidly evolving global environment.

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Dr. LePage,

I am writing this letter to request the use of our gymnasiums for a four-day volleyball camp this summer from August 4th-August 7th. The camp would run from 9:45-12:00 each day, and be for girls in our area entering grades three through eight. I believe that our volleyball program has been successful because our players start their high school career with two years of volleyball experience from our middle school program. We are so fortunate to have that middle school program bolstering the foundation of our high school team. To advance our program even further with skill and participation, I would love to both grow the game of volleyball with our student-athletes earlier, and spend time improving the skills of our current middle-school players. Thank you for both your consideration and the consideration of the Board of Education.

Sincerely,

Adam Vaccari

Math Educator & Varsity Volleyball Coach