REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Newbury Library Media Center
Board of Education Meeting
February 26, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
APPROVED 3.12.25

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Ms. Terri Kenneson (C), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Mary Duran (B), Ms. Kim Crone (N), Superintendent Steven K. LePage, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, Secretary / Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH).
Absent: HS Principal Gary Franklin, MS Principal Ryan Cornelius, and Student Representatives Amaya Washington and Owen Langer.

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

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Ms. Fragale, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **APPROVE** the February 12th, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED**.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Budget Update: Superintendent LePage gave the board an overview on the proposed 2025-2026 budget. He emphasized the balance of significant needs and finite resources. The board had brief discussion about on how the Capital Projects budget was cut by $50k and other projects have been deferred at this time to try and best utilize funds for the upcoming year. There was discussion on unavoidable increases which included salaries, benefits, and energy costs. It was presented that there is potential for more marketing towards our Vo-Ag program to entice a higher application rate and boost the programs great opportunity for students.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Accounting update: Mr. Gaskins presented to the board that he recommends we close the Wells Fargo account and move the funds to The Greenwoods Scholarship account.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Readings of Policies: #6146, #5131.911, #5144.12(a)

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **APPROVE Policy #6146** Graduation Policy, as presented. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED**.

MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **APPROVE Policy #5131.911** School Climate Policy, as presented. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED**.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms.Bell, to **APPROVE Policy #5144.12(a)** Restorative Practices Policy, as presented. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED**.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **APPROVE** the closure of the Wells Fargo account. The Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education hereby authorizes the Director of Finance to close Wells Fargo Account and transfer all funds to The Greenwoods Scholarship Foundation. These funds shall be solely used for the purpose of maintaining and administering the Adele Winn Scholarship according to the criteria set forth by the Winn family. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

CORRESPONDENCE
None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **ADJOURN** at 7:06p.m. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next BOE Meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Vacila
Board Clerk