REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Newbury Library Media Center
Board of Education Meeting
March 12, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

MOTIONS

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Ms. Terri Kenneson (C), Ms. Kim Crone (N), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Mary Duran (B), Superintendent Steven K. LePage, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, Secretary / Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH) via phone call, High School Principal Gary Franklin, Middle School Principal Ryan Cornelius, and Student Representatives Amaya Washington and Owen Langer.
Absent: None.

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 Ms. Crone, to **APPROVE** the February 26th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended. **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. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **APPROVE** the March 5th, 2025 Budget Workshop 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.**

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Ms. Fragale, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **CERTIFY** that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of JULY 1, 2025 through JUNE 30, 2026. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to: school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. **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. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **CERTIFY** that the Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practice, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales. **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 **WAIVE AND WITHDRAW** from the bidding / RFP process and **to AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent and or designee to negotiate with the current contractor for a new contract, as it is in the best interests of the district. **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. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Fragale, to **APPROVE** the new 5-year contract with DATTCO for the provision of transportation services for New Hartford students, as presented to the Board by the Superintendent and subject to any further necessary contract review. **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. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **ACCEPT t**he bid from Armor-tite Construction Corporation for the sum of $611,000.00 (base bid) and $15,000.00 for Alternate 2, for the provision of roofing services for the Agricultural Education Roof Replacement, State Project No. 207-0032 RR. **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. Duran, seconded by Ms. Fragale, **to AUTHORIZE** the Superintendent to execute a contract with Armor-tite Construction Corporation for State Project No. 207-0032 RR, pending any necessary further vetting of qualifications and review**. AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran**. NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

OLD BUSINESS
None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **ADJOURN** at 7:35 p.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 19th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Vacila
Board Clerk