AGENDA – WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2025

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Immediately following Town Budget Presentation - Norfolk
6:30 p.m. Botelle School, Norfolk

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
2.1 Opportunity for Public to Speak on Agenda Items

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3.1 March 12, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting
3.2 March 19, 2025 Informal Budget Presentation~ Colebrook Meeting

4.0 REPORTS
4.1 Superintendent's Report- S. LePage
4.2 Director of Finance and Operations- J. Gaskins

5.0 OLD BUSINESS
5.1 2025-2026 Budget Discussion
5.2 Updates

6.0 NEW BUSINESS
6.1 Adoption of Call of Budget Hearing, Decision of Referendum, Adoption of Referendum Question
6.2 Revision of Policy #5126: Board of Education Student Achievement Awards. Update to align with current state statutes, reflecting the requirement of 25 credits for graduation.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Enclosures: March 12, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2025 Informal Budget Presentation~ Colebrook Meeting Minutes
Adoption of Call of Budget Hearing, Decision of Referendum and Adoption of Referendum Questions
Policy # 5126

Next Meetings	April 1, 2025	@ 7:00 p.m. – Third Town Budget Presentation ~ New Hartford – New Hartford Town Hall
	April 8, 2025	@ 7:00 p.m. – Fourth Town Budget Presentation ~ Barkhamsted- Barkhamsted Elementary
	April 9, 2025	@ 6:00 p.m. – Regular BOE Meeting – Library Media Center
	April 21, 2025	@ 7:00 p.m. – Regional Budget Hearing to ADOPT Budget to got to DISTRICT- R7 Little Theater
	April 23, 2025	@ 6:00 p.m. – Regular BOE Meeting - Library Media Center 6:00 p.m.
	May 5, 2025	@ 7:00 p.m. – District Budget Meeting - R7 Little Theater
	May 6, 2025	REFERENDUM

Members of the public are also welcome to submit comments through publicinput@nwr7.org. These emails will be included during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Thank you.

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

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

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Ms. Kim Crone (N), Ms. Terri Kenneson (C), 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), HS Principal Gary Franklin, MS 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.**

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS- Amaya Washington and Owen Langer

Amaya Washington started off the Student Representative Report by informing the Board that SATs are right around the corner for the Junior class. NHS and Student Council members are participating in Read Across America this Friday. The program allows the high school students to travel to the elementary schools in surrounding towns and read to the students. She also gave an update about the Wellness Room; furniture list and paint chips have been made for the room. All students and staff involved are hoping to have a final decision to be made in the near future to complete the room project.

Owen Langer then picked up the conversation by agreeing the Wellness Room is just one of the many exciting things happening in the High School right now. He explained how our swim team is currently 1st seed and that State Opens are scheduled for Saturday, March 15th 2025. Another upcoming event is the Culinary Cook Off which is currently scheduled for April 3rd. The Culinary Cook-Off is an opportunity for both staff and students alike to sign up and create a dish from around the world and then vote on the best dish. He closed out his report by stating that college decisions continue to arrive for the seniors.

PRINCIPAL REPORT- MS Principal Ryan Cornelius and HS Principal Gary Franklin

Mr. Cornelius began the conversation by explaining that the experiences of our students today are not what they were years ago. The stress and anxiety present in the classes these days is very concerning and the counselors feel that the most, as they are the go to staff aside from teachers. The mental health of our students is a daily concern. He then stated that sometimes school staff such as teachers and the school counselors are the only resource students struggling may have. He shared that not only are the counselors we currently have great for the students

and their families, but that they provide flexibility in his own personal schedule so he is available to handle other tasks.

Mr. Franklin then interjected and agreed with Mr. Cornelius. He stated that the counselors coordinate many projects including: senior seminars, monitoring credit counts for the graduating class, assisting with 504 students, college and FAFSA application assistance, college application reports, writing recommendation letters, mental health support, and miscellaneous administrative work. The counselors are currently handling daily intervention with students and assisting to resolve issues before they need to be brought higher up in the administration line. He anticipates that within the next few years several teachers will be retiring. These teachers are not only great education providers but are highly certified. In order to maintain the quality of our course offerings, younger teachers must gain the certifications necessary to take on these advanced courses.He reminded the Board that NEASC was very satisfied with the programming we are providing to students. If the school was to make any staffing changes, he would then have to provide a report for them with expected outcomes of said staffing changes and the reasoning for changes in staff to NEASC.

Mr. Cornelius emphasized that he wants to utilize the staff to provide the best support we can to our students. He and Mr. Franklin have been mindful with their budgets and feel comfortable leaving the staff numbers where they currently stand, as staff across the board is extremely hands on with the up and coming students to best prepare them for high school.

Mr. Jerram then asked about the overlap in guidance counselors and the mental health counselors. Mr. Cornelius responded to Mr. Jerram's question by explaining that on any given day, the counselors have approximately 70 students funnel through the office, and the guidance counselors help support the students and are that first initial quick response before recommending additional help. Schools have seen an uptick in suicidal ideations, self-harm, and anxiety. He believes that having the adequate staff can help the kids who need help. He then stated that the school could most likely function with five counselors instead of the current six, but believes the student would be the ones to feel the impact and potentially suffer.

Mr. Jerram and Ms. Sexton Read followed Mr. Cornelius's response with thanking him and Mr. Franklin for the information they have provided as it is needed for the Board to make educated decisions.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent LePage started his report by thanking the Board members for their years of volunteering and appreciates them all. He also thanked the principals for working together, no matter how tough the topic may be, but continuing to have the same goal and passion to keep this district great. He 100% stands behind his principals and couldn't ask for a better team.
He began his update on the budget report and has ultimately made the difficult decision to reduce a position within the Administrative Assistants unit. This position cut would reduce the budget by approximately $80K. He proposed the idea of a bonus of approximately $5,000.00 for any staff member in that unit willing to retire early, anyone interested would need to meet with him by Wednesday March 19th, then to be approved by the Board of Education. This reduction would then decrease the salary portion of the budget significantly, without affecting the student's education. He updated the Board about the New Hartford transportation contract and is very happy with the proposed bid. He urged the Board to move forward with the most recent provided bid from DATTCO, as it saves the district approximately $40K. He noted that the bus company is willing to update their camera systems on the buses to provide clearer video and access to provide quicker video recordings if needed for any student incidents. Overall, with the proposed position reduction and transportation bid the budget will have had roughly $120K in savings.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Following Superintendent LePage's report, Mr. Gaskins also recommended that the Board move forward with the current proposed bid for New Hartford's transportation. He then gave a brief overview of the Building Committee meeting and urged the Board to move forward with approving the bid for the Vo-Ag Roof project. He then notified the Board of the Health Certification for 2025-2026.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Sexton Read started the discussion by stating that she is happy to see that the budget number keeps decreasing and getting the assessment increase below 4% was important. She doesn't want to make reductions without an educated and informed discussion so that any potential, unintended negative ripples can be avoided. She emphasized that Mr. Cornelius and Mr. Franklin provided great information about what our district's counselors do, as the number of those positions was questioned in a previous meeting by First Selectman, Dan Jerram of New Hartford. She also noted that she does not want the proposed early retirement bonuses to cause any pressure or come across negatively by the staff as that is not the intent. She acknowledged that the staff in the "soon to retire" category are the heart and souls of their departments.

Ms. Kenneson followed this discussion by notifying the Board that the Shared Services budget should be available for their review Monday, March 17th.
Ms. Bell reported from Ed Advance about the status of grant funding and their work to find new sources where needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Brief discussion to ensure the Board has 1st readings for the Series 2000 Policies to continue the ongoing project of updating of the policies for the school's handbook, prepared for the meeting scheduled for March 19th, 2025.

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-Tiite 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.**

CORRESPONDENCE
None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
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, in Colebrook.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Vacila
Board Clerk

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Colebrook Town Hall
Budget Proposal Meeting
March 19, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
DRAFT

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), Superintendent Steven K. LePage, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, Secretary / Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), First Selectman of Colebrook, Mr. Brad Bremer

Absent: HS Principal Gary Franklin, MS Principal Ryan Cornelius, and Student Representatives Amaya Washington and Owen Langer, Ms. Mary Duran (B).

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the Proposed Budget Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ms. Sexton Read began the meeting by greeting everyone and thanking them for being present. She then began the presentation by giving a brief introduction of where the budget proposal currently stands. Since the recent adjustments have been made the current 2025-2026 proposed budget is at a 2.29% increase with a 3.31% assessment. This is currently trending to be below a 2.5% yearly increase. She then explained that there were unavoidable increases such as staff medical benefits which increased by 12%, special education costs have increased, and utilities. She then followed her statement by giving a few potential budget saving solutions such as hiring qualified but lower tiered teaching staff as current higher tiered staff retire or relocate, several capital projects were deferred, and how the transportation contracts were recently negotiated and the district will see a savings. She emphasized how they were creative with where decreases were made without affecting the experience of the students or what classes the district has to offer them. The conversation transitioned when Ms. Sexton Read showed slides of what types of classes Northwestern Regional No.7 is able to offer. This list included special sciences, multiple Vo-Ag programs, and UConn credit classes. She then presented the budget slides broken down by categories of areas of spending, explaining which areas had the increases as well as the areas that had significant savings. She then gave an overview of the current ongoing Vo-Ag Roof Project and where the current funds come from and how the state and grant will be paying majority percentage. She then broke down the revenues and assessments for everyone present, and explained how the student enrollment affects these numbers. The following slide showed a breakdown of student enrollment and showed the following numbers: Barkhamsted -16 students, Colebrook +1 student, New Hartford +5 students, and Norfolk -10 students. Although we have seen increases in certain areas, the district's budget is currently showing as the fourth lowest proposed budget in the state. Ms. Sexton Read then ended the presentation by opening the floor to the public for any questions, comments, or concerns.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK

A Colebrook resident stated that the 40% of Middle School students needing additional support is alarming. She then questioned, why is this happening and are they coming from the elementary schools that unprepared?
Ms. Sexton Read responded that the 40% includes both Math and Science, a percentage are struggling with one subject or the other; while others need assistance with both subjects. While some issues may be from the elementary schools, another contributing factor could be how the pandemic negatively impacted schools temporarily and how it created learning changes amongst the younger student body. Colebrook School Superintendent Robert Gilbert contributed to the conversation by thanking Ms. Sexton Read for her presentation and voiced that during the pandemic, Colebrook Elementary hired an additional math tutor to help support its students while everyone adjusted to the world changes.

BOF Chair Duncan Wilbur asked about the cost for the Warner Theatre for graduation vs. being able to utilize the High School's gym and or auditorium.
Ms. Sexton Read replied stating that she did not have the cost amount in front of her but she would have Mr. Gaskins from the finance department send him over a copy of the cost breakdown. She did confirm there is a fee to rent the Theatre, as well as a rental fee for the risers the students sit on. Our district "piggy backs" with other schools to lessen the rental costs. She then explained that the reason we utilize the Warner Theatre for graduation is for the benefits of more seating and space for

guests, better handicap access, and the Town of Torrington shuts the road down to allow space for families to gather and congratulate their graduating senior.

First Selectman, Mr. Brad Bremer then recognized and thanked the Board of Education members that represent Colebrook for their years of service, Ms. Terri Kenneson with 20 years and Ms. Lisa Fragale with 8 years. Their time and years of volunteering for the board is greatly appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was then called to an end at 6:38 pm.

The next BOE Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025 in Norfolk.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Vacila
Board Clerk

ADOPTION OF CALL OF BUDGET HEARING

MOTION: for adoption of call of budget hearing as presented by Ms. Sexton Read,

"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 21, 2025 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, 2025 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 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m."

DECISION OF REFERENDUM
ADOPTION OF BUDGET TO TAKE TO BUDGET HEARING ON APRIL 21, 2025

MOTION: for adoption of the RSD#7 2025-2026 Budget to take to the Annual District Budget Hearing on April 21, 2025 with a 2.29% increase.

Ms. Sexton Read "The Board of Education adopts the RSD#7 2025-2026 Budget to take to the Annual District Budget Hearing on April 21, 2025 with a 2.29% increase."

ADOPTION OF REFERENDUM QUESTION

MOTION: to adopt the referendum questions, "Shall the Regional School District No. 7 Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 be accepted?"

"Yes" Vote is for approval.

"No" Vote is for disapproval.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Board of Education believes that student achievement should be recognized at all levels in a manner appropriate to the student's accomplishment. A variety of programs may be implemented to recognize excellence such as honor rolls, honor societies, citizenship and leadership awards. The Board encourages school recognition ceremonies to honor scholarship, distinguished character, and leadership abilities.

The Board directs the Superintendent or his/her designee to develop criteria and procedures for presenting suitable awards, in the name of the Board, to students for achievement. In all cases, the relationship between the award and the relevant goal or goals of the schools should be pointed out. The awards may include certificates, books, or other appropriate marks of recognition.

High School Board of Education Awards:

Graduating seniors who have earned twenty-one credits and who have a grade point average of at least 3.50 (weighted) in a minimum of four years of English, three years of mathematics, two years of laboratory science, and three years of social studies, shall be eligible to receive the BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

One awardee shall be selected by each department. Each curriculum area shall have developed criteria for the designation of a student to receive this award.

Middle School Board of Education Awards:

Seventh and eighth graders shall be eligible to receive the BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT. One awardee shall be selected by each team. Team leaders shall develop criteria for the designation of a student to receive this award.

Administrative Regulations to Policy 5126
Board of Education Student Achievement Awards

I. HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDS

A. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in High School Career

These awards will be presented to graduating seniors who have earned 21 credits and who have a grade point average of at least 3.50 (weighted) in a minimum of 4 years of English, 3 years of Foreign Language, 3 years of Mathematics, 2 years of Laboratory Science, and 3 years of History

B. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Art

This award will be presented to the student who has attained the highest level of excellence in his/her work.

C. Board of Education Award – Business Department

This Award is called the AMELIA WILBER BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARD for outstanding scholarship and participation in the Business Department at Northwestern Regional High School. This award consists of a plaque engraved with each year's recipient's name; a small gift and a certificate presented at the Award's assembly.

D. Board of Education Award for Excellence in English

This is presented to the senior who meets the following criteria:

1. Sophisticated reading, writing and speaking skills
2. Outstanding interpersonal skills
3. Advanced Ability to Analyze and Synthesize Abstract Concepts
4. Motivated and able to work independently
5. Able and willing to tolerate the special pressures of "Honors" groups, such as competitiveness
6. Self-disciplined
7. Academically responsible, curious, and courageous

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E. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Technical Education

1. The student must have completed a minimum of four courses from the following technology areas:
   - Graphics/Photography
   - CAD
   - Construction/Manufacturing
2. The student must maintain an "A" average in technology courses.
3. The student shall display exemplary attitude and behavior.
4. The student shall exhibit excellent craftsmanship skills.

F. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Foreign Language (French/Spanish/Italian/Chinese)

The recipient is the graduating senior who has:

1. Completed at least a four-year sequence of a particular language;
2. Demonstrated outstanding achievement in the five areas of language study: Listening comprehension; Speaking; Reading and Writing as well as understanding the culture.

G. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics

The recipient is a graduating senior who has:

1. Outstanding record of achievement in mathematics
2. Demonstrated exceptional interest in the study of mathematics
3. Consistently accepted and pursued challenges
4. Worked with discipline and diligence, striving for self-improvement

Administrative Regulations to Policy 5126
Board of Education Student Achievement Awards

H. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Choral Music

The recipient is the student who has exhibited the following qualities:
1. Excellent Musicianship
2. Dedication
3. Ambition
4. Inspiration to others
5. Outstanding Achievement in performance

I. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Instrumental Music

The recipient is the student who has exhibited the following qualities:
1. Excellent Musicianship
2. Dedication
3. Ambition
4. Inspiration to Others
5. Outstanding Achievement in Performance

J. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Physical Education/Health

The recipient will exhibit the following:
1. Excellence in personal character in the classroom during physical activity as well as other assignments.
2. Demonstrated awareness of the importance of physical activity to health
3. Worked with diligence and discipline, striving for improvement
4. Provides leadership to other students in class while learning concepts and improving skills in different activities.

K. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Science

This award is presented to the graduating senior who has:
1. Completed at least a one science course in each of the four years of high school;
2. Demonstrated the greatest interest, enthusiasm, effort, and achievement in field of science.

L. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies

This award is presented to the graduating senior who has:

1. Outstanding scholarship having taken at least four years in social studies;
2. Demonstrated awareness of the role of a citizen in a Democratic Society. This awareness may be demonstrated by participation in in-school or out-of-school activity such as student governing board, student internship, community service, forums, or other activities involving political or social issues.

M. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Education

This award is presented to a graduating senior who has:

1. Demonstrated individual motivation and the ability to work independently
2. Demonstrated self-discipline
3. Been responsible, curious, and involved in learning
4. Demonstrated the greatest interest, enthusiasm, effort, and achievement in Agricultural Education
5. Been an inspiration to others
6. Been an active participant in the FFA organization during his/her enrollment in the Agricultural Education program.

II. MIDDLE SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDS

A. Board of Education Award for Outstanding Achievement in Middle School

The recipient:

1. Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
2. Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
3. Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
4. Is able to delegate responsibilities.
5. Exemplifies positive attitudes and inspires positive behavior in others.
6. Demonstrates academic initiative and is willing to uphold scholarship.
7. Demonstrates leadership in the classroom and in school activities.
8. Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility undertaken.
9. Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
10. Accepts criticism willingly and recommendations graciously.
11. Constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality, character, and integrity.