REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Botelle Elementary School
Board of Education Meeting
March 26, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
APPROVED 4.9.25

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

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **APPROVE** the March 19th, Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes as amended. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Ms. Duran. **MOTION PASSED.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent LePage notified the Board that he has officially signed the contract with Armor-Tite for the Vo-Ag Roof Project.

OLD BUSINESS

There was brief discussion about the presentation went in Colebrook.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **ADOPT** the Call of Budget Hearing, 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 7:00pm. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran**. NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None**. MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **TAKE THE BUDGET TO REFERENDUM,** to be held on May 6th, 2025. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran**. NAY**: None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Duran, to **ADOPT** the Referendum Question: "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. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran**. NAY:** None**. ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to **UPDATE** the Student Achievement Award Policy #5126 to reflect the need for twenty-five credits to graduate, as well as remove French from the World Language section of the regulation**. AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran**. NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

CORRESPONDENCE
None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
None.

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **ADJOURN** at 7:44p.m. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next BOE Meeting is scheduled for April 1st, 2025, in New Hartford.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Vacila
Board Clerk