REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Roberta S. Othonicky Little Theater
Board of Education Special Meeting
April 21, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
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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) Superintendent Steven K. LePage, Secretary / Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins.
Absent: Secretary / Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), 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 7:03p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Ms. Duran, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **APPROVE** the April 8th, 2025 Barkhamsted Presentation Minutes as amended. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Ms. Lisa Fragale, Ms. Crone, Mr. Jerram. **MOTION PASSED**.

MOTION by Ms. Fragale, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **APPROVE** the April 9th, Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes as amended. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

STUDENT REPORTS
None.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS
None.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent LePage began his report by updating the Board on the status of the Building Committee Vo-Ag Roof Replacement project. There is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 23rd, 2025, at 3 pm. He then gave a brief overview of the Series 2000 policies that everyone present should have had the opportunity to review.

BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaskins explained to the Board that he has received a quote from an electrician regarding the upgrades to the phone and clock systems as previously discussed. There is a meeting with a vendor on Friday April 25th for the phone systems. He should also have an update within the next week or so regarding food service negotiations as well.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Fragale, to **ADOPT** Policy #2640 Administrative regulations regarding holds on electronic information and paper records. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Duran, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ADOPT** Policy #2461(P) Retention and disposition of records and information. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell to **ADOPT** Policy #2100 Uniform treatment of recruiters. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Kenneson to **ADOPT** the 2025-2026 Regional School District No.7 Proposed Budget of $24,824,729.00 representing a 2.29% increase above the 2024-2025 Adopted Budget to take to the Annual Regional meeting scheduled May 5th, 2025. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Jerram to **ADOPT** the Notice of District Meeting. A District meeting of Regional School District No.7 will be held on Monday, Ma y 5th, 2025, at 7:00pm at the school building in Winsted, Connecticut for the following business: 1.) To authorize the Regional Board of Education to apply for, accept, and expend, in addition to the regular school budget any state, federal, or private grant money which may be available for special purposes during the fiscal year 2025-2026. 2.) To accept the annual budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1st, 2025. Copies of the budget are on hand in the offices of the Town Clerks of each member towns. The Board of Education for Regional School District No.7 had designated that the vote on the motion to adopt the budget shall be by a "yes" or "no" vote o the optical scan machines in each of the member towns on Tuesday, May 6th, 2025, with hours to be set by individual towns as established by state statutes. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Kenneson to **AUTHORIZE** the Secretary of the Board of Education to prepare and cause to be printed and disseminated a concise explanatory text with respect to the 2025-2026 budget referendum question that will be submitted to the district's voters, subject to any necessary further legal review and approval by district legal counsel, and which shall otherwise be prepared, printed, and disseminated in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes section 9-369b and the secretary's discretion, and to be amended as necessary. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell to **APPOINT** King & King as the District's auditors. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Fragale, to **APPROVE** the early release for teachers for the last day of school scheduled for June 12th, 2025. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Crone, 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 7:46p.m. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next BOE Meeting is scheduled for May 5th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Vacila
Board Clerk