AGENDA – Wednesday, May 14, 2025

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION
6:00 p.m.
Newbury Library Media Center

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.

RECOGNITION OF THE TOP 10 STUDENTS

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PUBLIC PORTION

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 3.1 April 21, 2025 Annual District Budget Hearing and Regular BOE Meeting Minutes
- 3.2 April 24, 2025 Special BOE Meeting Minutes
- 3.3 May 5, 2025 Annual District Budget Meeting Minutes

4.0 REPORTS
- 4.1 Student Representatives Report - Owen Langer and Amaya
- 4.2 Washington Principal's Report – G. Franklin, R. Cornelius
- 4.3 Superintendent's Report – S. LePage
- 4.4 Director of Finance and Operations – J. Gaskins

5.0 OLD BUSINESS
- 5.1 Updates

6.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 6.1 Authorization to make end-of-year adjustments/transfers within the 2024-2025 budget limits- Mr. Gaskins
- 6.2 Authorization for the Superintendent to fill vacancies already approved by the Board of Education and to hire grant-funded positions for special purposes for the 2025-2026 school year
- 6.3 Discussion and Possible Action on Breakfast and Lunch Pricing for the 2025-2026 School Year
- 6.4 Discussion and Possible Action on the use of the Capitol Account for the COPS Grant

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE
- 7.1 Letter of Retirement~ Athletic Director: Fred Williams

8.0 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION
- 9.1 Discussion and Possible Action on the Superintendent's Contract

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Enclosures: List of Top Ten Students
- April 21, 2025 District Budget Hearing & Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- April 24, 2025 Special BOE Meeting Minutes
- May 5, 2025 Annual District Budget Meeting Minutes
- Letter of Resignation (email)~ Fred Williams Athletic Director

Next Meeting: May 28, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m. – Newbury Library Media Center
June 11, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m. – Newbury Library Media Center
June 12, 2025, @ 7:00 p.m. - NWR7 Graduation~ The Warner Theatre
June 25, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m. – Newbury Library Media Center

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.

Top 10 - Class of 2025

First	Middle	Last
Elijah	Anderson	Block
Aurora	Rose	Correll
Maya	Rose	Crociata
Grace	Elizabeth	Dempsey
Ash	Sunny	Hobro
Mackenzie	Grace	Janco
Owen	Robert	Langer
Emma		Maltby
Hannah	Alexis	Orlov
Kaley	Ann	Ouellette

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Roberta S. Othonicky Little Theater
Board of Education Special Meeting
April 21, 2025 – 7:00 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), 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

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Superintendent's office/conference room
Thursday, April 24, 2025
3:30 PM
DRAFT

A special meeting of the Board of Education, convened for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, was held at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION by Kim Crone, seconded by Lisa Fragile, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing, during which matters of personal privacy of students enrolled in the District's schools are likely to be discussed, and that the following persons be invited into Executive Session to assist in either giving testimony or evidence, or representation of the various parties to the proceedings: Steven LePage, Superintendent of Schools.

AYE: Molly Sexton Read, Rob Jerram, Kim Crone, Lisa Fragile, and Theresa Kenneson. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED (5-0)**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:31 p.m. during which the expulsion hearing took place.

The Board exited Executive Session at 4:02 p.m.

MOTION by Theresa Kenneson, seconded by Kim Crone, that the Board of Education approve the Stipulation submitted by the parties in executive session and hereby expel the Student discussed in executive session for one calendar year, as specified in the Stipulation, and that the disciplinary consequences and other terms set forth in the Stipulation be adopted, subject to the Student's readmission at the discretion of the Superintendent of School in accordance with the terms of said Stipulation. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to offer the Student an alternative educational opportunity within the meaning of §10-233d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

AYE: Molly Sexton Read, Rob Jerram, Theresa Kenneson, Lisa Fragile, and Kim Crone. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED (5-0)**

MOTION by Theresa Kenneson, seconded by Lisa Fragale, to adjourn the meeting:

AYE: Molly Sexton Read, Rob Jerram, Theresa Kenneson, Lisa Fragile, and Kim Crone. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED (5-0)**

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Roberta S. Othonicky Little Theater
Board of Education District Meeting
May 5, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
DRAFT

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

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the District Budget meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
None.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Duran to **NOMINATE** Mr. Schuyler Thomson as Moderator. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone 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. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Duran to **ADOPT** 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 of the member towns. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ADJOURN** at 7:05p.m. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next BOE Meeting is scheduled for May 14th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Vacila
Board Clerk

Diane Barrett <dbarrett@nwr7.org>

Fwd: Notice

1 message

Steven LePage <slepage@nwr7.org> Mon, May 12, 2025 at 8:26 AM
To: Diane Barrett <dbarrett@nwr7.org>

Here is Fred's announced plan to leave the AD position. Thanks.

Steven K. LePage
Superintendent
Northwestern Regional School District No. 7
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Winsted, CT 06098
slepage@nwr7.org
860.379.1084, ext. 2401

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Fred Williams** <fwilliams@nwr7.org>
Date: Mon, Apr 28, 2025 at 12:00 PM
Subject: Notice
To: Steven LePage <slepage@nwr7.org>

Good Morning!

This is not easy!

It is with mixed feelings that I will be leaving the Athletic Director position at the end of this school year. Thanks for all your support during these last two years.

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Fred Williams
Athletic Director
Northwestern 379-8525 ext.2700