REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Newbury Library Media Center
Board of Education Regular Meeting
May 14, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
MOTIONS

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), Superintendent Steven K. LePage, Secretary / Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, High School Principal Gary Franklin, Middle School Principal Ryan Cornelius, and Student Representatives Amaya Washington and Owen Langer.
Absent: Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Mary Duran (B)

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **AMEND** the May 14,2025, Regular Board of Education Meeting Agenda to include two new motions from the Building Committee Meeting. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **APPROVE** the April 21, 2025, meeting minutes, as amended. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson**. NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Mr. Gauthier. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **APPROVE** the April 24, 2025 meeting minutes, as presented. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Mr. Gauthier. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **APPROVE** the May 5, 2025, meeting minutes, as amended. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Ms. Kenneson. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **AUTHORIZE** the Director of Finance to make end of year 2024/2025 adjustments and transfers, as needed. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **AUTHORIZE** Superintendent LePage to fill vacancies pre-approved by the Board of Education to hire Grant funded positions for special purposes for the 2025/2026 school year. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **AUTHORIZE** the Director of Finance the ability to borrow up to $500,000.00 in advance of receipts for necessary upcoming school projects**. AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED**.

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **RAISE** the price of a full school lunch from $3.50 to $4.25 for the 2025/2026 school year. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **UTILIZE** the Capital Account for the COPS Grant. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Crone, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **ACCEPT** the contract with Young Builders LLC for the Vo-Ag roof project. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to allow the Superintendent to **EXECUTE** a contract with Young Builders LLC for the Vo-Ag roof project. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ACCEPT** Mr. Fred Williams, Athletic Director's letter of resignation. The Board wishes him the best of luck on his future endeavors and thanks him for his many years at Regional District No. 7. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **CANCEL** the Regular Board of Education meeting scheduled on May 28, 2025. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN**: None. **MOTION PASSED**.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **CANCEL** the Regular Board of Education meeting scheduled on June 11, 2025. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Bell, to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 7:55pm. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION by Mr. Jerram seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ADD** Health Insurance Coverage in retirement to the Superintendent's contract for the 2025/2026 school year. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

OLD BUSINESS
None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **ADJOURN** at 8:35p.m. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next BOE Meeting is scheduled for June 25th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Vacila
Board Clerk