REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Newbury Library Media Center
Board of Education Regular Meeting
June 25, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
APPROVED 7.9.25

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, Secretary / Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins. **Absent**: HS Principal Gary Franklin, MS Principal Ryan Cornelius.

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. Crone, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **APPROVE** the May 14, 2025, Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes as amended. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran. **MOTION PASSED**.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent LePage started his report by informing the Board how well graduation went. Everything was smooth and Project Graduation was a lot of fun with no incidents. He then went on to explain that the district is fully staffed for the upcoming school year. Both the part-time Athletic Director and Vo-Ag Administrative Assistant positions have been filled. Both hires have begun their training, and so far, the Administration is pleased with the performance of the new hires. EdAdvance has submitted the report from their audit of the Business Department. The administration will use those recommendations to work towards efficiency and effectiveness within that department. The Food Service Employee contract has been ratified by the unit, and the BOE will be asked to approve it tonight. Mr. LePage shared the plans for Summer Leadership work. He anticipates the Strategic Plan process will begin in September. Superintendent LePage closed out his report by letting everyone know the scheduled first day of school for 2025/2026 is August 27, 2025.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Gaskins explained to the Board that the Assessment Offset is expected to be approximately $800k, a slight increase. All projects currently running have been operating on schedule and have been smooth sailing. There was then a brief discussion about the Building Committee Meeting. He reviewed the building projects that will take place over the summer. The list includes the replacement of all carpet in hallways and classrooms throughout the school. This summer will be busy but good!

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Sexton Read notified the Board that CABE offers a Policy Auditing service. The cost is $1800. CABE reviews all policies, identifies those that need to be updated, those that need to be added, and those that are not required. Ms. Sexton Read proposed to the Board that they use this program to help keep the ongoing Policy Updating Project

on schedule. The Board was supportive of this plan. She asked Board members to review current BOE goals and give feedback about possible changes as they have not been updated in roughly two years. Brief discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **APPROVE** the Cafeteria Employees Local 1303-327 of Council 4 AFSCME contractual agreement. **AYE:** Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

CORRESPONDENCE
None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Duran, seconded by Ms. Bell, to **ADJOURN** at 7:35 p.m. **AYE**: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, Mr. Gauthier. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next BOE Meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Vacila
Board Clerk