REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Botelle School - Norfolk
Board of Education Special Meeting
March 23, 2026 – following Budget Presentation
MOTIONS

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Ms. Kim Crone (N), Ms. Deb Bell (N), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Ms.Terri Kenneson (C), Secretary / Treasurer, Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Director of Finance & Operations, Mr. James Gaskins, and Superintendent Steven K. LePage.
ABSENT: Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Mimi Duran (B),

Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Kim Crone, to **APPROVE** the minutes for the March 11 meeting. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Kenneson NAY: None ABSTAIN: Mr. Gauthier

Motion by Kim Crone, second by Terri Kenneson to **ADOPT t**he call of the 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 20, 2026, 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, 2026 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 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m."

AYE: Ms.Sexton Read, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier NAY: none

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Deb Bell, to **CANCEL** the March 25, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. AYE: Ms.Sexton Read, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier NAY: none

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Deb Bell, to **CANCEL** the April 22, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier NAY: none

Motion by Deb Bell, seconded by Kim Crone, to take the RSD #7 2026-2027 Budget to Referendum on May 5, 2026. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier NAY: none

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Deb Bell, to adopt the referendum questions, "Shall the Regional School District No. 7 Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026, be accepted?"

"Yes" Vote is for approval. "No" Vote is for disapproval.

AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier NAY: none

MOTION by Kim Crone, seconded by Noel Gauthier, to schedule a Special Board of Education meeting on April 20th, as the Regional Budget Hearing: agenda will include the adoption of the budget to take to the district budget meeting, setting the final dates of the district budget meeting and referendum, and to authorize the explanatory text for the 2026-27 budget.
AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier NAY: none

Motion by Kim Crone, seconded by Noel Gauthier, to **accept** with gratitude for his service and best wishes for him and his family, the resignation letter from Robert Delaney. AYE: Ms.Sexton Read, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier NAY: none

Motion by Kim Crone, seconded by Noel Gauthier to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:30 pm AYE: Ms.Sexton Read, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Bell, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier NAY: none