REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

Roberta O'Hotnicky Theater
Board of Education Special Meeting
April 20, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
MOTIONS

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Ms. Kim Crone (N), Ms. Terri Kenneson (C), Ms. Mimi Duran (B), Ms. Deb Bell (N), Secretary / Treasurer, Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH). Ms. Lisa Fragale (C) via phone, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, and Superintendent Steven K. LePage.
Absent: none

Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Motion by Rob Jerram, seconded by Noel Gauthier, to **APPROVE** the minutes for the April 7, 2026, Budget Presentation in New Hartford as amended. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none. Abstain: Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, and Ms. Crone.

Motion, by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Kim Crone, to **APPROVE** the minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting on April 8, 2026. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Deb Bell, seconded by Mimi Duran, to **APPROVE** the minutes for the April 9, 2026, Budget Presentation in Barkhamsted as amended. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Ms. Crone, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none. Abstain: Ms. Fragale, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, and Ms. Kenneson.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram, to **APPROVE** Policy #5113, Attendance, Excuses, Dismissal. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram, to **APPROVE** Policy #5113.2, Truancy. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram, to **APPROVE** Policy #5114, Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram, to **APPROVE** Policy #5118 Non-resident Attendance. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram, to **APPROVE** Policy #5118.1, Homeless Students. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram, to **APPROVE** Policy #5125 Student Records Confidentiality. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram, to **APPROVE** Policy #5125.11 Health/Medical Records. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram, to **APPROVE** Policy #5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram, to **APPROVE** Policy #5131.91, Hazing. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram, to **APPROVE** Policy #5141.21, Administering Medications. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Rob Jerram, seconded by Noel Gauthier, to **table a vote on** Policy #5131.61 Smoking Policy. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Rob Jerram to **ADOPT** that the RSD#7 Board of Education agrees to proceed with the 2026-2027 Regional School District No. 7 proposed budget of $25,257,227; representing a $1.74% increase above the 2025-2026, adopted budget, to take to the annual district budget meeting on May 4th, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the RSD#7 Little Theater. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Kim Crone, seconded by Mimi Duran, to **ADOPT** the Call of the District Meeting of the Regional School District No. 7 that will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7 p.m. 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, 2026-2027.
2. To accept the annual budget for the fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2026. Copies of the budget are on hand in the offices of the town clerks of each of the member towns.
3. The Board of Education for Regional School District #7 has designated that the vote on the motion to adopt the budget shall be by a yes or no vote on the optical scan machines in each of the member towns on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, with hours to be set by individual towns as established by state statute.

This is dated at Winsted, Connecticut, the 20th day of April 26, 2026, signed by Molly Sexton Read, Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education Chair.
AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Rob Jerram, seconded by Kim Crone 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 2026-2027 budget referendum question that will be submitted to the district's voters, subject to any necessary further legal review and approval by District Legal Council, and which shall otherwise be prepared, printed and disseminated in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes. Section 9 369B, and the secretary's discretion, and to be amended as necessary.
AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Terri Kenneson, seconded by Kim Crone, to **APPOINT** King & King as the District's auditors. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Duran, and Ms. Bell. Nay: none.

Motion by Rob Jerram, seconded by Terri Kenneson, to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:50 pm. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Crone, Ms. Bell, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Kenneson, and Ms. Duran. NAY: None