REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 – 6 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Ms. Theresa Kenneson (C), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Deborah Bell (N), Ms. Kim Crone (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, High School Principal Mr. Gary Franklin, Middle School Principal Mr. Fran Amara, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins, Student Representatives Ms. Morgan Plitt and Ms. Fiona Leon.
ABSENT: Ms. Mary Duran (B)

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sexton Read called the regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Ms. Kenneson, to **APPROVE** the August 24, 2022, Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes as presented. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

REPORTS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
Mr. Franklin provided an enthusiastic introduction for Ms. Fiona Leon as the newly appointed Board of Education student representative, and expressed sincere confidence for her success and contributions in this role.

Ms. Leon provided Board of Education updates pertaining to the start of the school year without COVID restrictions, students seem happy and excited to be back and it feels like regular high school again. Fiona advised that she is very happy to be the Board of Education student representative, and she is looking forward to working with students in this role.
Ms. Plitt provided Board of Education updates pertaining to the start of school year, athletics, parking spot day, senior courtyard privileges, fall sports, open house and homecoming activities.

Ms. Sexton Read advised that she would like to meet with Mr. Franklin, Ms. Morgan, and Ms. Leon to discuss responsibilities and roles of the student representatives throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS
Mr. Amara provided Board of Education updates including an overview of the 2021-2022 school year standardized testing Summative Assessment data and response to data trends along with a continuous improvement action plan for student outcomes and achievement. Questions and discussion followed pertaining to Summative Assessment, summer math programs, Math and ELA data, RTI Program, implementation of DESMOS Curriculum, and the integration of special education programs.
Mr. Franklin continued with an overview of high school PSAT/SAT, NGSS results, and Advanced Placement Tests along with Cohort results and comparison data. Improvement action plans are in place for identified priority areas and assessment strategies for intervention in response to data trends. Questions pertaining to college/SAT requirements, and discussion followed pertaining to student engagement, desire to achieve, and passion to see students succeed.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
Dr. Palmer expressed sincere appreciation for the administrative staff and teachers and the work that is continually done always for student success. Ms. Sexton Read expressed appreciation for the teamwork involved and dedication of administration, teachers, and staff.
Dr. Palmer provided Board of Education updates pertaining to: teacher and administrator negotiations and September 13th meeting with all member town fiscal authorities, school safety and drill schedule, professional development workshop for administration with Attorney Sommaruga reviewing the proper handling of sexual assault

complaints and reporting of child abuse/sexual assault to DCF, and the Mental Health supervisory role taken on by Lindsey Blanchard overseeing mental health services offered, counselor caseloads, quarterly meetings to review data and report trends, and developing a strategic implementation of district-wide mental health and behavioral supports. Ms. Sexton Read inquired of student representatives if either is aware of any ongoing safety concerns in student population. Brief discussion followed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT
Mr. Gaskins provided Board of Education updates pertaining to bus driver shortages and solutions, 2021-2022 budget audit work, 2022-2023 budget, 2023-2024 budget work to begin with Department Chairs in a few weeks, and the metal building construction by the field that is replacing a wooden shed and 4 metal storage containers. Brief discussion followed pertaining to Charter buses.

OLD BUSINESS
Ms. Sexton Read advised that the topic of regionalization came up during the fiscal authority meeting once again indicating there is still interest in investigating different possibilities for regionalization and/or some type of cooperative education. Discussion followed.

5.1 UPDATES
5.2 Approval of New Policy 4113.12 Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Periods for Teachers and Other Certified Staff.
MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **APPROVE** New Policy 4113.12 Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Periods for Teachers and other Certified Staff. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None**. MOTION PASSED**.

5.3 Approval of Revised Policy 5131.81 Use of Private Technology Devices by Students.
MOTION by Mr. Gauthier seconded by Ms. Bell, to **APPROVE** Revised Policy 5131.81 Use of Private Technology Devises by Students. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None**. MOTION PASSED**.

5.4 Approval of New Policy 4118.4/4218.4 Rights, Responsibilities and Duties Electronic Email.
MOTION by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **APPROVE** New Policy 4118.4/4218.4 Rights, Responsibilities and Duties Electronic Email. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None**. MOTION PASSED**.

5.5 Approval of New Policy 4118.5/4218.5 Rights, Responsibilities and Duties Acceptable Computer Network Use.
MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Crone, to **APPROVE** New Policy 4118.5/4218.5 Rights, Responsibilities and Duties Acceptable Computer Network Use. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None**. MOTION PASSED**.

NEW BUSINESS: None.
CORRESPONDENCE: None.
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

The following Motion was made after a brief discussion.

MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Fragale, **TO CANCEL** the second Board of Education meeting scheduled for September 28, 2022. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION by Ms. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to **ADJOURN** at 7:25 p.m. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Kenneson, Ms. Fragale, Ms. Bell, Ms. Crone. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile, Board Clerk