

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
NEW HARTFORD SENIOR CENTER
SECOND INFORMAL BUDGET PRESENTATION - APPROVED 4.10.19
APRIL 2, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chair Ms. Molly Sexton Read (B), Vice-Chair Mr. Robert Jerram (NH), Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Noel Gauthier (NH), Ms. Mary Duran (B), Ms. Lisa Fragale (C), Ms. Deb Bell (N), Superintendent Dr. Judith Palmer, Director of Finance & Operations Mr. James Gaskins

ABSENT: Mr. Ben Nadeau, Ms. Theresa Kenneson

Ms. Sexton Read began the Second Informal Regional School District No. 7, Proposed Budget Presentation at 7:10 p.m. following a brief introduction by New Hartford Board of Finance Chairperson, Ms. Regina Wexler.

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 7, BOARD OF EDUCATION, PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW 2019-2020:

Ms. Sexton Read introduced herself and began the Second Informal Budget Presentation for the Town of New Hartford with a Power Point Presentation highlighting historical expenditure increases, and continued with student PSAT results, testing result rankings within the Berkshire League, AP student scores, and CSDE Next Generation Accountability indicators. Per pupil net current expenditures within the Berkshire League graph presentation, member town current and projected straight line enrollment, along with an outline of efficiency measures were presented demonstrating Regional School District No. 7's continued ability of providing a high performing school district that meets the educational, social/emotional, and extracurricular needs of all students at an average cost. An Object breakdown of proposed increases/decreases was provided for Salaries, Benefits including dollar reallocations for the 2019-2020 school year, Professional/Technical Services, Property Services, Other Purchased Services, Supplies, Property, Other Objects, Other Funds, Excess Cost Expenditure Offsets, Revenues, and change in Average Daily Membership by Towns for a **2019-2020 Proposed Budget Increase of \$375,260 or 1.77 percent**. A historical Perspective on Assessments was provided, and Ms. Sexton Read concluded that Regional School District No. 7 continues to provide a rigorous and comprehensive educational program connecting students with their school and passions, an outstanding facility, and excellent extracurricular opportunities at costs in line with the statewide average and per pupil expenditures in the lower half of the Berkshire League.

Ms. Sexton Read thanked community members and expressed her appreciation for their support on behalf of all students within the District.

PUBLIC:

Public Questions pertaining to: None.

Board of Finance Questions regarding: Mr. Gaskins responded to questions regarding the definition of and what is included in Supply Object Budget Lines, and any further updates or information pertaining to TRB allocations.

The Budget Presentation concluded at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa H. D'Aprile
Board Clerk