

**Regional School District # 7  
Board of Education Minutes  
December 13, 2005**

PRESENT: Chairman Thomson, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Gregor, Superintendent, Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Roger Newbury, Middle School Principal Mr. Osypuk and Student Representative, Ryan LeBlanc.

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Thomson read the assurance of new Board member, Mr. John Griffey from New Hartford, who was sworn in by the Town Clerk. He also thanked Mr. Egbertson for his service to the Board and presented him with a plaque.

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak on agenda items. **PUBLIC**

Superintendent, Dr. Robert S. Ohotnicky introduced Dr. Philip Reilly, Superintendent of New Hartford Schools.

**Motion by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson to approve the minutes of the November 22nd regular meeting of the Board of Education. APPROVED MINUTES 11/8**  
**Aye: Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Gregor. Abstention: Mr. Griffey**

Jim Lesieur, Dept. Chair of the Music Department presented to the Board, a brief outline of the current offerings of the Middle School and High School, including choral and instrumental courses. He also outlined short term and long term goals and needs of the Music Department. There was a question and answer period between Mr. Lesieur and the Board members regarding these needs and goals.

**CURR. REP  
MUSIC**

Student Representative Ryan LeBlanc noted that the students are doing fine with the heating. Ryan commented that students showed concerned that the computers in the common areas are currently closed off when there is not any adult supervision. Dr. Ohotnicky said that this will remain until security systems are in place. She suggested to Ryan, that he talk to the Principal to help maximize the use of computers until this takes place. Ryan said that the Mock Trial is building in strength and that they have a good chance of moving on. Currently, the high school trials are being held in Waterbury Court. He also commended Mr. Winterson and Mr. Miller on this program.

**REPORT**

**STUDENT  
REP**

Middle School Principal, Mr. Paul Osypuk expressed very positive comments about the students participating in the Mock Trial Competition. He also shared with the Board, a "Best Practices Book" that he put together for each of the teachers, with the ideas in the book being from the teachers themselves.

**MS  
REPORT**

High School Principal, Mr. Connor, was unable to attend the meeting; however, Dr. Ohotnicky passed out a 2006 Northwestern Highlanders Calendar, given to the Board Members from Mr. Connor. **HS REPORT**

Mr. Newbury distributed the budget report and transfers for the Board's approval. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Motion by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson and passed unanimously, to approve the transfers.**

Mrs. Lafave discussed the CABA Legislative Breakfast, which will be hosted by Region #7. The exact date for the breakfast was not determined at this time. **OLD BUS.**

The Board of Education newsletter will be coming soon. Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Lafave and Mrs. Kenneson volunteered to be the Communication Committee to help refine the website. There will be a Board orientation for new members prior to the January meeting. The budget time lines will be discussed during the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be an additional meeting in February to discuss the date line for itemized proposed expenditures. Mrs. Lafave will go over the policies and roles of the Student Reps in January.

The Board of Education goals update include the middle school accreditation, guidance, advocacy and the regular review of the strategic plan.

Chairman Thomson pointed out the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph in the second reading of Policy #9000, as well as a change in title on page 2 to be the same as the title on page 1, a motion was made to accept Policy # 9000.

**Motion to adopt Policy #9000 was made by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mr. Gregor. Aye: Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Gregor. Abstention: Mr. Griffey**

Chairman Thomson said the Connecticut Municipal Coalition information will be included in the next agenda package and a formal presentation with documentation will take place at the next meeting. **NEW BUS.**

Recognition of Joan Auclair for her work on the newsletter, the 3 year calendar **AGENDAS** **FUTURE**  
to be set in either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January, guidance presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting January, CAPPs, position on NCLB, and the Wellness Policy.

Mrs. Susan Lundin thanked the Board for the invitation to the workshop.

**PUBLIC**

**Motion by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Yard and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.**

Present in Executive Session: Chairman Thomson, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Gregor, Superintendent, Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Roger Newbury.

**Motion to come out of Executive Session by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Yard at 9:31 p.m.**

**Motion by Mrs. Kenneson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Lafave to accept one year wage opener to administrative contract as presented (3.9%). Aye: Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Gregor. Abstention: Mr. Griffey.**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney at 9:40 p.m.    ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Ann Bocchetta  
Board Clerk