

**Regional School District # 7
Board of Education Minutes
November 8, 2005**

PRESENT: Chairman Thomson, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Jerram, Superintendent, Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Roger Newbury, High School Principal Mr. Conner and Middle School Principal Mr. Osypuk.

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Motion by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Yard to approve the minutes of the October 25th regular meeting of the Board of Education, as amended. 10/25 **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Aye: Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Thomson
Abstentions: Mr. Jerram.**

Mr. Osypuk commented that the students are learning Chinese. He discussed a compacted curriculum with band and music as electives. The students may study Chinese instead of music as an elective. Some points of interest on the Strategic School Profile that Mr. Osypuk pointed out were the low percentage of retained students in the middle school, high participation and climbing scores in the Connecticut Mastery Test with changes in the curriculum for improved literacy. He also discussed the Supplemental School Information emphasizing partnerships with parents and the community. **MS REPORT**

Mr. Connor stated that he spoke with Lieutenant Peter Wack at Troop B about getting a School Resource Officer, and he was told that they are short staffed at this time. He discussed the Strategic School Profile and pointed out the following: enrollment is up 80 or more students, including some in Special Education. He also discussed the mission of the Highlander Transition Academy, which is to provide enhanced learning experiences to help bridge the gap from school to career. He noted that there was an increase in A P Courses over the last three years and that the scores were rising over the past couple of years. There was discussion between Chairman Thomson and Mr. Connor regarding the status of the science scores. **HS REPORT**

Dr. Roberta Ohotnicky reported on the Strategic School Profiles for the District, **NEW BUSINESS**

including Special Education. She noted that there was an increase in the reduced lunch program, that the CMT and CAPT Scores were excellent and that there is a low drop-out rate. She stated that the number of Special Education students were consistent with the state. Dr. Ohotnicky also commented on the high participation rate in the percentage of time with non-disabled peers (TWNDP). She also stated the in-school suspensions were on the rise, as opposed to out-of-school.

Mr. Roger Newbury presented the Board with the monthly budget report.
REPORT

FINANCIAL

Motion by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Egbertson and passed unanimously, to approve the monthly budget report.

Mr. Newbury stated that the Little Theater was expected to be done sometime in December. Governor Rell has proclaimed November 14-18, 2005 as International Education Week in the State of Connecticut. The school is aware that there is land for sale east and north of the school and is waiting to see what happens. A final count for attendance at the CABA/CAPSS Convention was taken. Discussion suggested that a short bio be put into the newsletter to introduce the new Board members.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Thomson would like to set the goals that were discussed in the November 11, 2005 meeting. He talked about updating the website and increasing the newsletter to three issues instead of two. As part of Board efforts to provide a more effective orientation for new Board members, Nick Caruso from CABA will provide a Workshop on Tuesday, December 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center. An announcement was made that Candy Perez received the Connecticut Athletic Director of the Year Award.

NEW BUSINESS

Approved goals; 1st reading of Policy #9000 – Board Ethics;

ITEMS FOR

Tour of the school.

FUTURE AGENDAS

Mrs. Shelley Lloyd commented on the Lab Science scores. She also invited the Board member to attend the December 1st band concert.

**PUBLIC TO SPEAK
ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Motion by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m.

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

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson at 8:05.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Lafave at 8:06 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Ann Bocchetta
Board Clerk