

**Regional School District # 7
Board of Education Minutes
November 22, 2005**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thomson introduced new Board member, Mr. Martin Gregor from Barkhamsted, who was sworn in November 11, 2005. He also thanked Mr. Jerram 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**

Motion by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Yard to approve the minutes of the November 8th regular meeting of the Board of Education, as amended. 11/8 **APPROVED MINUTES**

Aye: Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Thomson
Abstentions: Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Sweeney and Mr. Gregor.

Mia Haaland, Dept. Chair of Agricultural Education had Board members sample their newest product – Maple Cotton Candy. Ms. Haaland discussed **CURR. REP. AG-ED**

some of the curriculum changes that are to take place during 2005 – 2008. One new class is “Exotic and Endangered Animal Science, which “Queso”, a water buffalo, is part of. Plant Science, Nursery and Turf Production, as well as Agronomy and Plant Biotechnology are among new classes for the 2005-2008 curriculum. The FFA continues as a strong intracurricular program which includes public speaking, debates and competitions. The growth and future needs of the Ag-Ed Program were discussed.

Chris Scott, Dept. Chair for Technology Education stated that they have photography, **CURR. REP.**

CAD, Tech 2100 A+B (provides lots of reading and writing), construction, science & technology and transportation classes. Next year, he would like to incorporate the following new classes, including: web design, robotics, construction 3 and 3D residential architecture. He shared with the Board some transportation robotics that the students have enjoyed creating and working with this year.

Jean Lafave reported on the CAFE Leadership Award Ceremony. She said many people **CAFE REP.**

said CAFE Leadership was the best thing for their school district, as well as for themselves. Mrs. Lafave invited new Board members to attend the next workshop in Farmington on December 6, 2005. Chairman Thomson mentioned CAFE workshop will be

held in the Media Center at 5:30 p.m. on December 13th for the new Board members, as well.

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Dr. Ohotnicky spoke about the luncheon catered by the Culinary Arts Dept, under **OLD BUS.** the direction of Chef Hoffman, which was in honor of our esteemed Haban Chinese guests. NWRSD #7 has two of only seven teachers in the United States that have come from China to teach our students Chinese. Scarlet and Flora also were observed by the group. More teaching opportunities were offered for the next three years. Scholarships for some of our students, as well as some administrators to go to China, were also mentioned.

Motion by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Jerram and passed unanimously, to approve the Board Goals.

The Board reviewed and discussed making some changes to Policy #9000, **NEW BUS.** Dr. Ohotnicky and Chairman Thomson will make these changes, and the Board will vote on adopting these changes at the December 13th meeting.

Board members suggested inviting the Elementary School Board Members to the Dec. 13th Workshop. Dr. Ohotnicky will forward invitations through the Superintendent's and Chairs.

Superintendent of New Hartford, Musical Curriculum Presentation, revised **FUTURE**
Policy # 9000, tour of NWRSD#7 for new Board members in January, **AGENDAS**
Recognition of Joan Auclair for the Board newsletter.

Motion by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Yard and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Present in Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Kenneson, **EXEC.**
Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Gregor, **SESSION**
Superintendent, Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance, Mr. Roger Newbury.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Yard at 9:20 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Egbertson at 9:21 p.m. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Ann Bocchetta
Board Clerk