

Approved and Amended  
February 15, 2006

**Regional School District # 7  
Board of Education Minutes  
January 24, 2006**

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

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Prior to the meeting (6:00 p.m.) a tour of the schools' facilities was conducted for Board members.

Shelley Lloyd spoke on the upcoming Guidance presentation this evening.

**PUBLIC**

**Motion by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Griffey to approve the minutes of the January 10th regular meeting of the Board of Education.**

**APPROVED  
MINUTES 11/8**

**Aye: Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Lanctot. Abstention: Mrs. Kenneson**

Mr. Bruce Van Valen, Director of Guidance presented an outline of the current, as well as the upcoming activities that the Guidance Department has to offer to the students and the parents of RSD #7. Several Lessons and counseling are geared to each grade level. There was a question and answer session between the Board members and Mr. Van Valen after his presentation.

**CURR. REP.**

Mr. Newbury distributed the budget report for the Board's approval.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

**Motion by Mrs. Lafave, seconded by Mrs. Yard and passed unanimously, to approve the budget report.**

Chairman Thomson addressed the accidents that have occurred at the West Hill – Rt. 44 intersection. High School Principal Connor said that he sent a letter to the students, emphasizing the dangers of this intersection and suggested alternate routes, taking the bus and most of all, leaving earlier and to drive more carefully.

**OLD BUS.  
UPDATES**

Mrs. Lafave reminded the Board members about the CABA 1 Area Legislative Breakfast, taking place on Thursday, January 26, 2006 from 8-9:30 a.m. at Region #7. She also mentioned that Litchfield County Council of elected officials had their breakfast last week and would like to work with the Board on modifications of binding arbitration law and unfunded mandates.

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Mrs. Candy Perez requested the use of the gymnasium from July 10-14 for the Northwest Basketball Camp. **CORRESP.**

**Motion to approve, with the fee to be determined by Mr. Newbury, by Mr. Griffey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Sweeney and passed unanimously.**

Calendar for Adoption **FUTURE AGENDAS**

Mrs. Shelley Lloyd commented on the Guidance presentation. **PUBLIC**

Board members brought up the concern of the repeated Board meeting absences of a student representative and have asked High School Principal Connor to ask the student for further communication.

**Motion by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:44 p.m.**

**Motion to come out of Executive Session by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney at 9:15 p.m.**

Dr. Othonicky distributed additional news articles. She also indicated that she had met with the Selectman to begin budget discussions. Finally, the custodial and maintenance staff were complimented for their excellent School preparation.

**Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Yard at 9:20 p.m. **ADJOURN****

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Ann Bocchetta  
Board Clerk