

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
February 14, 2006

PRESENT: Chairman Thomson, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Lafave, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Lanctot, Middle School Principal Mr. Osypuk, High School Principal Mr. Conner, Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Newbury, Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky.

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

CALL TO

ORDER

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

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to
approve the January 24, 2006 regular meeting of the Board of Education minutes as
amended.

APPROV.
MINUTES
1/24/06

High School Principal Mr. Conner read a letter from Student Representative Ryan LeBlanc
who is presently attending a youth conference in Washington D.C. and could not be present
for the Board meeting. Ryan outlined a recent seminar conducted by the Guidance Department
for High School seniors.

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Middle School Principal Mr. Osypuk brought to the Board's attention a recent article published
in the Winsted Journal highlighting Middle School teacher Jennifer Hurley-Coughlin's efforts
to raise money to fight Trisomy 18, a disease affecting infants. Mr. Osypuk informed the Board
members that the Middle School band has been honored by being invited to play at the
Connecticut Music Educators Association conference to be held on May 24th in Hartford. He
congratulated Band Director Mr. James Lesieur on having been selected for this honor. He further
reported that the recently arrived Chinese teacher is doing a wonderful job. He explained that
each Middle School student will receive one month of basic instruction in Chinese language and
culture.

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High School Principal Mr. Conner reported that he has written a letter to parents and guardians
of student drivers bringing to their attention the risk involved at the intersection of Route 44 and
West West Hill Rd. in Barkhamsted. (See attached letter.) Mr. Conner updated the Board on the
project to develop a working branch bank at Northwestern. There are five students participating
in the project and they are currently being trained by Northwest Community Bank personnel.
Mr. Conner read a letter from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation thanking the girls

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soccer team for their donation of \$340.00. Mr. Conner went on to report that the School-to-Career program's job shadow project has had six students at the Hartford Fire Dept., five students at Hartford Hospital and one at the Tributary restaurant in Winsted. He also mentioned that two students have received honors. Andrew Thomson has been selected to play in the Marine Band and Robin Yuan has been notified that she is a Merit Scholarship finalist.

Mrs. Lafave reported on her recent attendance at the National School Board Association's activities in Washington D.C. to lobby both the Connecticut delegation and the Congress in general on current educational issues that are of concern to the Boards of Education in Connecticut such as IDEA reimbursement, NCLB and vouchers.

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Superintendent Dr. Ohotnicky passed out the budget timeline showing the various meetings to be held during the budget process. (See attached timeline.) Director of Finance and Operations

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DATES

Mr. Newbury handed out an update of the long term capital expenditure plan. (See attached plan.)

The Board members reported on various activities being conducted to meet their stated goals for

B.O.E.

2005-06. These include the Board of Education newsletter scheduled to be sent out at the beginning of April, improvements to the school web-site, the work of the Board members on both state and federal advocacy issues. This work includes Mrs. Lafave's recent work in Washington D.C., the plan for the Board members to attend the annually held "Day on the Hill" March 1, 2006, and the Board members recent participation in the legislative breakfast held at Northwestern Regional.

GOALS

Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky presented the school calendar for 2006-2007.

2006-2007

SCHOOL

CALENDAR

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Gregor, and passed unanimously, to approve the school calendar as presented by Superintendent Dr. Ohotnicky.

A letter was received from Mia Haaland, Chair of the Agriculture Education Department
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requesting the appointment by the Board of Education the following members to the Agri-
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cultural Education Advisory Board. Ms. Wendy Trueworthy, Barkhamsted, Mr. George
Wilber, Colebrook, Mr. Daniel LaPlante, New Hartford, Mr. Stan Civco, Ms. Marie Consolini-
Tonan, Norfolk.

MOTION BY Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to appoint to
the Agricultural Education Advisory Board the names as presented.

Items For Future Agendas: Reading and banking curriculum reports, "Day on the Hill" report.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to go into
EXEC.

Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.
SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to come out of
Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the
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meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sandra Re Johnson