

Regional School District No. 7  
Board of Education Minutes  
January 10, 2007

CORRECTED AND  
APPROVED 1/24/07

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, High School Principal Conner, Middle School Principal Perez, Student Representatives, Ryan LeBlanc, Michael Welch, Meghan McCoy.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Carol Ganci was introduced to the Board as the new Board Clerk.

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

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Lanctot to approve minutes of Organizational Meeting of December 12, 2006. Aye: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gregor. Nay: None. Abstained: Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney. MOTION passed.

ORG MINS.  
12/12/06

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Griffey to approve minutes of regular board meeting of December 12, 2006. Aye: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gregor. Nay: None. Abstained: Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney. MOTION passed.

REG MINS  
12/12/06

Ryan LeBlanc shared that the student council is working on sponsoring a community school project in a remote town in Ethiopia and they hope to raise \$1000.00 for their next school year. Mike Welch stated that the date for the Music Festival has been set for January 19 and 20. Nine students qualified for band and 2 students qualified for chorus.

ST REP  
REPORTS

Megan McCoy is continuing her work with Mr. Conner on the issue of student drinking. They will review the possibility of retaining James Binnall, at a cost of \$750 to come and speak to students. He has a website called "ItCouldNeverHappenToMe.com" that tells some of his story.

Middle School Principal, Candy Perez reported that the middle school is gearing up for the testing season to begin in March with the CMTS on February 13. Our school was chosen for the NAEP tests and 90 students from grade 8 were randomly selected to participate. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting as well as the PTO meeting will be held on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Morning broadcasts are going well and on an athletic note, the wrestling team had their first meet on January 6. There are 16 students on the team and they are doing well. The Centerpoint Pilot Program with Team Discovery is on schedule and the pilot homework portion should be up and running by spring.

MS PRINC  
REPORT

High School Principal, Wayne Conner acknowledged Ms. Perez and the swim team parents for the wonderful retirement celebration for the Chichesters that took place on December 27. He is also considering giving Mid term exams based on reverse name order of the alphabet to see if it affects student performance. He shared two letters he received from NCTE praising William Speiser and one from Terry Dougherty at Mountainside Foundation thanking us for our contribution. The High School is working on their 5 year NEASC program report. We also have adequate coverage for substitute teachers in place for the school year.

HS PRINC  
REPORT

Mr. Newbury presented transfers totaling \$1500. for Board approval. He also noted that Radon testing had been completed in the School last week.

BUDGET  
REPORT

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to accept budget transfers as presented.

In preparation for the budget process the following time frame was discussed. Prioritize major expenses, contractual obligations and top ten most important requests. Plan on several meetings and come prepared to break down line items for discussion. The following dates were discussed: Budget presented to the board on February 14; Town meetings to be held between March 27, 28 and April 3, 4; finalize the budget by April 11<sup>th</sup> and the District Hearing to be held on April 16.

BUDGET  
PROCESSES

The first reading of changes to Policy 9321 was held regarding new meeting day and time.

POLICY #9321

MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to approve a new starting time of 7:15 pm for meetings. The town clerks will be sent a notice of this change.

MTG. TIME  
CHANGE

The Colebrook Board of Finance letter was acknowledged to keep an eye on budget, and Leah Smith's letter were discussed.

CORRES  
PONDENCE

MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously to grant Leah Smith a leave in accordance with the FMLA provisions.

SMITH  
LEAVE

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Security Plan; Common Board Meetings; Development of Technology Education.

FUTURE  
AGENDAS

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

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Gregor and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:55 pm for the purpose of negotiations. In Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Newbury.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Gregor and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 pm.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson and passed unanimously, to grant Superintendent Dr. Ohotnicky up to an additional 60 days of medical leave.

SUPT.  
MEDICAL

MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mr. Jerram and passed unanimously, to authorize Roger W. Newbury, to act as Superintendent in the absence of Dr. Ohotnicky.

NEWBURY  
ACTING SUP

MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 pm.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ganci, Clerk