

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education
February 13, 2008

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Griffey, Student Representatives Averill Cantwell and Michael Welch, Roger Newbury, Director of Finance and Operations, and Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Thomson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

MOTION by Mrs. Sexton Read, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve minutes of January 23, 2008.

MINUTES
1/23/2008

Chairman Thomson hearing no objections moved the 50 Years of Graduates Committee to the front of the agenda.

The 50 Years of Graduates Steering Committee representatives, Cheryl DePaoli and James Stotler, requested that the Board of Education sponsor the activities to celebrate the 50th graduating class from Northwestern. These activities include an informal dance, open house at the school and a dinner to be held at Ski Sundown. Mr. Jerram stated he had no problem as long as the Board's legal counsel checked all contracts prior to execution.

50 YEARS OF
GRADUATES
COMMITTEE

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to create a Board of Education 50 Years of Graduates sub-committee with at least one Board member.

BOARD
SUB-CMTE.

Chairman Thomson appointed the present alumni and staff members of the committee and Mrs. Yard to make up the BOE 50 Years of Graduates Committee.

Student Representative Michael Welch indicated that there is still a problem with access to computer labs. Mr. Montgomery recommended that he talk to the Housemasters and Principal. Mr. Welch discussed the desired open lunch policy for seniors that he has been researching. Ms. Cantwell reported on the upcoming food drive with Gilbert and the guidance program for juniors.

STUDENT
REP.

Supt. Montgomery called attention to the handout in the BOE package showing the change in the schedule of Budget meetings. He also reminded members of the situation with snow days which allows a school to set the date of graduation after the lapse of 185 scheduled school days. Graduation will be on June 17, 2008.

UPDATES

Roger Newbury updated members on Gym Floor Project. He said that the contract for the floor replacement will be executed shortly and the bids for the removal of asbestos will go out as soon as SDE approval is obtained and sign off by local building, fire and health officials occurs.

Supt. Montgomery suggested that it was time to move forward with the solar energy project. He stated that, in his opinion, it is not the money savings that drives his support but the need for the school to send a message to students that the school is interested in reducing its carbon footprint. He then asked BOE for approval to sign a Letter of Understanding with Solar Design to explore the feasibility of such a project by doing an engineering study at no cost to the District.

SOLAR
DESIGN
PROJECT

MOTION by Mrs. Sexton Read, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Finance Director to sign the Letter of Understanding on behalf of the District.

SIGN LTR. OF
UNDER-
STANDING

Supt. Montgomery presented the Working Budget for 2008-09 to the Board. The budget represents an increase of 4.19% and a 3.13% overall increase in assessments. The major areas of increase are in salaries, fuel and diesel oil, electricity and debt service due to a \$200,000 capital plan.

BUDGET
PRESENTATION

MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Superintendent to address items discussed by BOE and further authorize him to take necessary actions in finalizing the 2008-11 Teachers Contract.

TEACHER
CONTRACT
FINALIZING

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Newbury
Director of Finance and Operations