

Regional School District No.7  
Board of Education Minutes  
February 15, 2007

AMENDED AND  
APPROVED 2/28/07

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Gregor (7:18 p.m.), Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram (7:44 p.m.), Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Yard, Acting Superintendent Newbury, High School Principal Conner, Middle School Principal Perez, Student Representatives Michael Welch and Meghan McCoy.

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

CALL TO ORDER

No members of the public wished to speak on agenda items.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of January 24, 2007. (Mr. Gregor and Mr. Jerram were not present for this vote).

MINUTES  
1/24/07

Meghan McCoy stated that she was working on getting speaker, James Binnall, to come to speak with students regarding student drinking. She and Mrs. Zematis are contacting other schools to see if there is interest in sharing this presentation.

STUDENT  
REP. REPORTS

Michael Welch reported that report cards were mailed recently together with a password for student/parent use in accessing Centerpoint student grades and information. He stated that he talked with Barbara Douglass, President of Northwestern Connecticut Community College, regarding the partnership between Northwestern Regional and the College and she reminded Michael that night classes are free to high school students. The boys' varsity basketball team is playing Gilbert on Friday at 7:00 p.m. at Gilbert. Michael has researched and provided information to the school on Flanagan Mini Grant procedures (awards range from \$200 to \$1000) for student activities.

Middle School Principal, Candy Perez, reported that the K-12 Coordinating Committee (elementary and middle school teachers) is meeting on Math and World Language. There were two help sessions offered for parents regarding access to Centerpoint. Attendance was low. Team Discovery is now piloting posting of homework. CMTs are in March. The PTO is helping with healthy snacks and exercise. No tests are scheduled for Mondays. The French Committee visit is taking place at the end of March. NEASC activities include the writing of reports with summer work to finalize the presentations. The Make-A-Difference Club has raised money for Silly String to be sent to the troops in Iraq.

MS PRINC.  
REPORT

High School Principal, Wayne Conner, distributed copies of a letter regarding Jim Paniati, Mathematics teacher and Department Chair, being inducted into the National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers. Mr. Conner reported that the Math team, in a recent competition, tied for first place with Brookfield. He distributed a letter he wrote to parents and guardians regarding Centerpoint's availability for access of student grades. On January 29 the Italian Delegation visited Northwestern along with Mary Ann Hansen from the State Department of Education. On February 6, Pam Lombard, Paraprofessional, arranged for the Sharon Audubon Society to present a Program on hawks and owls for our LINKS program students and interested students and teachers. He reported that Mr. Baxter, First Selectman in New Hartford, had been

HS PRINC.  
REPORT

invited to speak to our Civics classes by Gordon Ross, teacher. Our construction classes have been refinishing butcher block tables for the Winsted Fire Department. Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Yard along with administrators and members of Mountainside will be evaluating the outreach program offered our students by Mountainside in the near future.

Acting Superintendent Newbury reviewed budget transfers.

BUDGET  
TRANSFERS

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to approve the budget transfers as presented. (Mr. Jerram was not present for this vote).

Mr. Thomson reported that a hearing on the teacher grievance was held and that the Committee had denied the grievance. The NTA has submitted this grievance to arbitration.

UPDATES

Mr. Newbury distributed a copy of a letter from State Department of Education regarding the School Lunch Program review and approval. He also handed out an information sheet on the \$31,230 Generation Next Grant the school has received.

Mr. Newbury presented an overview of the 2007-2008 Working Budget. The budget represents a 4.58% increase over 2006-2007 and assessments have increased by 4.95%. He distributed a copy of his overview and a summary of increases.

2007-2008  
BUDGET  
PRESENTATION

Board members were given a copy of Mary Beth Greenwood's letter regarding bus service for Regional #7. Discussion followed. This item will be revisited at a future meeting.

CORRES-  
PONDENCE

Mr. Thomson read a letter from Doug Sebach regarding the use of the gym for basketball camp.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to approve the request from the Highlander Basketball Camp for use of the gymnasium

HIGHLANDER  
BASKETBALL  
CAMP

July 23-27, 2007.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: First meeting in June-Security Plan; Late May-Common Board Meetings; Development of Technology Education – in the future; Budget Deliberations – Ongoing; Possible establishment of a bus committee.

FUTURE  
AGENDAS

PUBLIC PORTION: No members of the public wished to speak on agenda items.

PUBLIC  
PORTION

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to

EXECUTIVE

go into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations. Present in EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Lanctot,  
Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Yard, Acting Superintendent Newbury.  
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MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 9:02 p.m. PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to extend sick leave to Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Superintendent, by 60 additional days. SICK LEAVE  
SUPT.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gregor, and passed unanimously, to set the date of the District Meeting for Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. MAY 7, 2007  
DIST. MTG. DATE

MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl DePaoli, Clerk