

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
February 28, 2007

**AMENDED &
APPROVED
3/14/07**

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Yard, Acting Superintendent Newbury, High School Principal Conner, Middle School Principal Perez, Student Representatives Ryan LeBlanc, Megan McCoy and Michael Welch. Visitor: Bruce Van Valen, Director of Guidance.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Welch wished to have the minutes of February 15 corrected to state that he had not applied for a Flanagan Mini Grant but had researched and provided information to the school on the grant procedure.

MINUTES
CORRECTION

MOTION by **Mr. Jerram**, seconded by **Mrs. Yard**, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of February 15, 2007 as amended.

MINUTES
2/15/07

Bruce Van Valen, Director of Guidance gave an update on the Department's training and use of PowerSchool for scheduling. As of **January 2007** counselors have been trained in the use of the master scheduler. Learning Style **Inventories** have been administered to Junior and Senior students. **This information** is now available to teachers on line. He **reported on the number** of college applications processed prior to Christmas vacation over the last three years: 2005 – 196; 2006 – 218; and 2007 – 575.

GUIDANCE
DEPARTMENT
REPORT

Mr. Van Valen stated that all students have access to guidance counselors for one-on-one counseling in answer to a question from Mr. Griffey on 'how available is assistance to students'. An informational mailer to parents is planned for next fall and a Leadership Opportunity database will be established on the school website. Mr. Griffey also expressed concern for the tremendous workload for the **Registrar of Students**.

Mr. Thomson received a letter from the State of Connecticut which acknowledged and officially noted the appointment of Roger Newbury as Interim Superintendent of Schools for Regional School District No. 7 **in the absence of Dr. Ohotnicky**.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

A letter from Jim Parrott, AAU coach, regarding the use of the gym was discussed.

AAU REQ.
FOR GYM USE

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Griffey, **and passed unanimously, to grant the AAU team** use of the gym at a cost of \$30.00 per session.

Shelly Lloyd expressed concern that when guidance staff is away things do not always get done, i.e., college transcripts. She also feels that over the next five years college applications will primarily be done on-line versus clerical processing.

PUBLIC
PORTION

The Board spent time reviewing budget items **in the following areas:** Superintendent and teacher salaries; Business Department budgets; Music Department budgets; Department supervision; new staff needs; Benefits; Professional Technical Services; Supplies; Purchased Property Services; and Transportation.

BUDGET
REVIEW

MOTION by Mr. Gregor, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. **for the purpose of negotiations.** Present in Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Yard, Acting Superintendent Newbury. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. PUBLIC

By Board consensus, the next regularly scheduled board meeting of March 14, 2007 will will start at 6:45 pm with an Executive Session. 3/14/07 MTG TIME CHANGE

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ganci, Clerk