

Regional School District No. 7  
Board of Education Minutes  
May 09, 2007

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Acting Superintendent Newbury, High School Principal Conner, Middle School Principal Perez, Student Representatives Ryan LeBlanc, Michael Welch, Megan McCoy.

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

Shelley Lloyd congratulated the Board members on the budget being passed. PUBLIC

Mr. Griffey wished to correct the minutes of the April 25<sup>th</sup> 2007 to reflect the following  
change: The reception for the top ten students will take place on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. APPROVE  
MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Education as amended. Aye: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Kenneson. Abstentions: Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney.

Student Representative Ryan LeBlanc reported that students are in the midst of taking their AP exams. He stated that these exams are graded on a level from one to five, with five being the highest. STUDENT  
REP.  
RPTS.

Michael Welch reported on his recent trip to New York City to visit the Federal Reserve. He stated that approximately 50 students attended and he passed out pictures of his trip. He also mentioned the idea of an open lunch program for seniors that would allow students to leave the campus for lunch.

Megan McCoy reported that the Middle and High School band concerts held on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> were well received. Ms. Ginger Katz will address the students with her story entitled “The Courage To Speak” on Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> which addresses drug and alcohol use among students. This presentation will coincide with “Grim Reaper Day” which is a reminder to students about the consequences of drinking and driving. Mr. Calder has generously offered to donate Ms. Katz’s \$1000.00 speaking fee.

Middle School Principal Perez thanked the Board members for all their work on the recently passed Regional School District No 7 budget. She stated that Social Studies teacher Mr. Mike RPT.

Stapleton wrote a grant entitled “The Flannigan Award “ and was recently award \$1000.00 which will help pay for his video crew. Ms. Perez stated that “Parents Day” was successful with 68 parents in attendance, summer school recommendations have been made and 16 students have received the Middle School principal’s award.

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Interim Superintendent Mr. Roger Newbury presented the monthly budget update and outlined BDGT.  
the transfers that need the Board's approval.  
RPT.

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to approve the transfers as presented by Mr. Newbury.

Mr. Newbury reported that the bond sale will be finalized on the construction project on May UP-DATES  
15<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$5,123,000.00. Mr. Newbury reported that this is a negotiated sale with Bank of America financed over a 15 year period. Monies left over in the authorization will be used to refurbish the tennis courts which were originally part of the project but dropped due to insufficient funds. These remaining monies and money from the transformer project will be used to totally fund the tennis court refurbishment.

Mrs. Sweeney asked, if at all possible, could referendum times be reduced in an effort to save the towns money. She also requested that if a board member was absent from a Board meeting could all enclosures pertaining to that meeting be mailed to the individual.

Mr. Jerram led a discussion concerning the possible acquisition of acreage to build additional parking space.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to move forward with line surveying, soil testing and contact with the current gas company.

Chairman Thomson suggested to the Board that the creation of a three person committee would BLDG.  
be beneficial in developing a long term plan for the District. Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson and SECURITY  
Mr. Jerram will be heading up this committee.

High School Social Studies teacher Mr. Frank Rodenberg spoke to the Board members about EURO-  
a European history trip that he would like to plan for his students in August of 2008. He passed PEAN  
out an educational pamphlet describing the cities and special attractions that are included in HISTORY  
the EF Enrichment Tour. Mr. Rodenberg reported that currently there are approximately 18 to TRIP

20 students interested in the trip. The cost for the trip would be \$2,845.00 per student.  
MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to approve the proposal of the European history trip. Chairman Thomson stated that the Board will revisit the proposal later again this year.

MOTION BY Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to go into EXEC.

Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.  
SESSION

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PRESENT: Interim Superintendent Newbury, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kenneson.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.

Chairman Thomson announced the appointment of Mr. Clint Montgomery to the position of Superintendent of Schools for Regional School District No. 7 commencing July 1, 2007.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Gregor to approve the appointment of Mr. Clint Montgomery.

MOTION BY Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to approve the HEALTHY

following statement: On behalf of the Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education and FOOD

pursuant to Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby justify that all food CERT.

items offered for sale to students in the school in our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the STMT.

Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education will not meet said standards during the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to accept Mr.  
CORRES-

Hoffman's letter of resignation with regrets and thanks.

PONDENCE

MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to accept Mr. David Bopp's letter of resignation.

Mrs. Lloyd commented on the history and math AP tests. She also stated that she was pleased

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to hear that the tennis courts will be repaired. She informed the Board that the Jazz Cabaret will be held on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Waterbury Republican reporter Kari Banach asked Chairman Thomson several questions about Mr. Clint Montgomery's credentials and background.

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

Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

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Present in Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kenneson.

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MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Griffey, to take the unexpended Superintendent's salary and apply it to the Interim Superintendent's salary.

AYE: Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot.

NAY: Mr. Thomson. (.55)

ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gregor.

MOTION passed.

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

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the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Re Johnson