

**Regional School District #7  
Board of Education Minutes  
October 10, 2006**

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kenneson, High School Principal Mr. Conner, Middle School Principal Ms. Perez, Superintendent Dr. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Roger Newbury, Student Representatives Ryan LeBlanc, Mike Welch and Megan McCoy.

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

ORDER

**MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously,**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**to go into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations at 7:01 p.m.**

Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Superintendent Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.

**MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously,  
to come out of Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.**

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak on agenda items. **PUBLIC**

**MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, with one abstention, to  
approve the minutes of the September 26, 2006 Board of Education meeting** **MINUTES  
9/26/06**

Student Representative, Ryan LeBlanc, commented on the homecoming, the affiliation

**STUDENT**

with the Leo Club which is an international organization to promote Community Service **REPS.** and the SATs. Mike Welch commented on the Homecoming floats and talked about **REPORT** defining a “student representative.” Megan McCoy commented on exploring ways to curb smoking in the bathrooms.

Middle School Principal, Candy Perez, stated that Centerpoint has been implemented,

**PRINCIPALS’**

an anti-bullying assembly will be taking place, and students from France will be at **REPORTS** Northwestern Regional Middle/High School for a week in March of 2007.

High School Principal, Wayne Conner, also discussed Centerpoint and how it brings more awareness of student’s assignments to parents, which in turn produces more homework being completed. He discussed the lockdown drill and how it helps with the safety of students, as well as staff, junior parent breakfast, the Berkshire Music Festival on October 20, the Chinese Festival, and that the Homecoming was well attended. On October 18, a high school workshop for parents and school personnel with a presentation by the Narcotics Enforcement Agency, will take place to make parents aware of what types of drugs are available.

Director of Finance and Operations, Roger Newbury, presented a budget report for the Board's review and approval. **BUDGET REPORT**

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**MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the budget report as presented.**

Mr. Newbury reported that the transformer was on the way and will be in place soon. **UPDATES**

**MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to adopt the 2006-2007 Board of Education goals.** **APPROVE BOE GOALS**

Dr. Ohotnicky discussed the Phase I results of the Land Acquisition and that a Phase II/III has been recommended. Mr. Newbury passed around a map of the land. **LAND ACQUISITION**

Dr. Ohotnicky responded to a letter which was received from Susan Brodeur of Barkhamsted with concerns for the safety and security of the schools. Dr. Ohotnicky stated ongoing efforts are being made to make the school a safe and secure environment. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to grant a twelve (12) week child rearing leave in accordance with the provisions of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).** **BRAZEE LEAVE**

The Board members reviewed and discussed the Board of Education Goal Timelines.

Items for future agendas include: Curriculum presentations – October 24; revisiting school Security - November 14. **FUTURE AGENDAS**

Shelley Lloyd commented on agenda items and upcoming fundraisers. **PUBLIC**

**MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations and personnel.** **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present in Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Superintendent Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.

**MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.**

**MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m.** **ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Ann Bocchetta  
Board Clerk