

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Lanctot, Ms. Dorazio, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Jerram, Student Representatives Michael Welch and Averill Cantwell, Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools and Roger Newbury, Director of Finance and Operations.

Mr. Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thomson presented former Board Member, Kaye Sweeney, with a gift on behalf of her service to the Board of Education.

GIFTS
PRESENTED

Mr. Thomson presented Mr. Newbury with a gift basket as a welcome back after a short leave due to illness.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey, to approve the minutes of September 26, 2007. Aye: Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Lanctot, Ms. Dorazio, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Yard. Nay: None. Abstentions: Mr. Gregor, Mr. Thomson. Motion passed.

MINUTES
9/26/2007

Student Representative, Michael Welch, reported that the Power School system has been helpful in retrieving grades and getting homework from teachers. He reported that four reminder letters have been sent to schools that have not responded to his letter regarding an Open Campus Lunch Policy. Avon did respond and is looking into a similar program for its students. Michael is hoping to collaborate with them on it. Once he has heard from all of the schools, he and Principal Conner will meet and present a plan to the Board.

STUDENT
REPS
REPORT

Student Representative, Averill Cantwell, reported that the Homecoming Dance at Cornucopia was well attended. She also reported that the Student Council Coat Drive will be in November and the Math Team placed third in a recent contest.

Superintendent Montgomery reported that he attended a presentation on the AlertNow Notification System. This is a web-based program that communicates information on early dismissals, snow days, emergencies, etc. to parents, students and faculty simultaneously on cell phones, home phones, email, etc. Board Members expressed interest in learning more about this system and its uses at Regional School District No. 7.

UPDATES

ALERT
NOW
SYSTEM

Superintendent Montgomery reported that the Guidance Exit Survey has been completed and is being reviewed.

GUIDANCE
EXIT SURVEY

Superintendent Montgomery reported that they are looking into drug screening that would be employed with parent permission for students with a history of drug and/or alcohol use.

Superintendent Montgomery reported that Regional No. 7 is applying for two grants: a portion of a \$5 million dollar Homeland Security grant which is very competitive and a Teacher Quality Partnership Grant that requires collaboration with Northwestern Connecticut Community College.

GRANT
APPLICATIONS

Superintendent Montgomery reported that the police believe they have found the person responsible for the scam involving the collection of money in the name of Region 7 and other surrounding schools.

Superintendent Montgomery reported that the date for graduation has been set for June 17, 2008 at The Warner Theater in Torrington. GRADUATION DATE: 6/17/08

Mr. Newbury reported that the specifications for the asbestos abatement project should be ready in the next two to three weeks. He reported that the new boilers have been installed. The security door and cameras in House I have been installed. All cameras are recording. ABATEMENT/BOILERS/SECURITY

MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to adopt wording on Little Theater Plaque Dedication as read by Mr. Gregor. OHOTNICKY PLAQUE

Superintendent Montgomery contacted CABA about reviewing our list of current policies. CABA is unable to look at each one in depth at this time, but have offered to review our policy book for missing and redundant policies for \$1,500.00. POLICY REVIEW

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to authorize Superintendent Montgomery to contract with CABA for a limited policy review.

Superintendent Montgomery presented a draft of Policy #5141 regarding the use of a breathalyzer at various school functions. Lengthy discussion followed. Superintendent Montgomery will make revisions and return them for a second reading at the next meeting. BREATHALYZER POLICY

The Board Members have agreed that substitute pay should be competitive with other towns. The current rate for a substitute is \$70/day for the first 11 days of service and is increased to \$75/day beginning with the 12th day. It has been proposed that the pay rate be increased to a minimum of \$80/day for days 1-11 and \$85/day beginning with the 12th day with a cap of \$90/day. SUBSTITUTE PAY RATE

Mr. Griffey requested further discussion regarding Andrea Ashe's request for child rearing time. FUTURE AGENDAS

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations at 8:05 p.m. Present in Executive Session: Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Thomson, Ms. Dorazio, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Griffey, Superintendent Montgomery, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Ms. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mr. Gregor, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Tera B. Dunn

