

**Regional School District #7
Board of Education Minutes
November 14, 2006**

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gregor, 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 Meghan McCoy

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

CALL

**TO ORDER
ORDER**

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak on agenda items at this time.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Lanctot and passed unanimously, to approve the October 24th minutes of the Board of Education meeting.

**MINUTES
10/24/06**

Student representative Meghan McCoy commented on the artwork that is being displayed in the ladies room. Mike Welch said that the Digital Photography class now has its own website and that the school play performances are Nov. 17-19. Ryan LeBlanc said that the student council has voted to join the Leo Club and that Thanksgiving is the deadline to get college applications into the Guidance Dept.

**STUD. REP.
RPT**

Middle School Principal, Candy Perez commented on the "Antibullying Assembly", The "Mock Trial", NEASC Accreditation, beginning of preparation with guidance counselors for next year's courses, meeting with parents that will be hosting students from France, as well as passing out a DVD on the Student Broadcast Studio.

MS REP.

High School Principal, Wayne Connor said that about 50 parents attended the workshop

**HS
REP.**

presented by the Narcotics Enforcement Officer, on October 26th 39 students were inducted into the National Honor Society, including Student Representatives, Meghan McCoy and Mike Welch. Four students in Mr. Bill Sullivan's Global Issues class will have their "Letters to the Editor" published in the Register Citizen and Mr. Connor will be attending a conference on school safety.

Mr. Newbury presented the budget transfers for the Board's approval.

**FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Motion by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard and passed unanimously, to approve the transfers, as presented.

Candy Perez commented on the Middle School Strategic School Profile including technology, class size and CMT scores. Wayne Connor commented on the High School Strategic School Profile including mention of trips to various countries to enrich cultural exposure, the reading enrichment summer program for incoming freshman (not on profile) which is funded by the federal government, and the CAPT scores are the best in the Berkshire League, in all four categories. Dr. Ohotnicky commented on the District Profile including the free/reduced lunch program being stable, an increase in the middle school population, there are less juniors and seniors working more than 16 hours/wk, an improved ratio of computers to students, as well

**STRATEGIC
SCHOOL
PROFILE**

as improvement in reading in CAPT scores.

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The school sign lettering is in place and soon will have lights, and additional wording on the remainder of the brick sign.

UPDATES

Dr. Ohotnicky reported that the front door is now locked one hour earlier. They are continuing to work on more ways to ensure safety and are working with law enforcement officials. Visitors must be “buzzed in” and must sign in and wear a visitor’s pass. After school safety improvements are underway.

UPD. SCHOOL SAFETY

Chairman Thomson reported that in Phase I pesticides were found East of Mallory Brook, 30 yards from the road. Board members met with Ken Kelly, representative

LAND ACQUISITION

of Mr. Stratman, who stated that this finding was in parts per billion and really doesn’t amount to anything. They also met with an Envirosience consultant and discussed oil contamination and the DDD issue. They recommend that Region #7 go ahead with Phase II and Phase II. This study would check up to 20 holes to check soil contamination. Phases II and III quantifies and qualifies data and then remediation is recommended. Risk assessment evaluates what risk it would be to have people on the land. This would need to be done before the land could be utilized. This could cost up to \$50,000 and includes data collection, samples, sub-contractor statistical analysis. The seller said they would pay for remediation, but they feel that the cost of Phases II and III would be Region # 7’s responsibility. There were several questions and discussion amongst the members as to what will be the next step. Negotiations will be continued in Executive Session.

Dr. Ohotnicky announced that the CABA/CAPSS Convention is Friday and Saturday Nov. 18-19 and that once again, Region #7 is eligible for the Leadership Award for the 6th-7th year. Kaye Sweeney and Tara Yard will be attending this convention.

CABA UPD

Roger Newbury reviewed the Educational Technology Plan for Region # 7 and the integration of technology in the curriculum and classroom.

NEW BUS. EDUC. TECH. PLAN

MOTION to table the approval of the Educational Technology Plan until the next meeting by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney and passed unanimously.

- 1) Technology Plan
- 2) Local BOE retreat – 1st or 3rd week in January
- 3) Dr. Ohotnicky – personal goals
- 4) Discussion of the budget process – December meeting
- 5) Land acquisition

FUTURE AGENDAS

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Shelley Lloyd commented on agenda items, including anti-bullying assembly, advisory **PUBLIC** committee for guidance, as well as land acquisition.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Lanctot and passed unanimously, to go EXEC. into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations at 8:34 p.m. SESSION

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

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 10:06 p.m.

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson and passed unanimously, ADJOURN to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Ann Bocchetta
Board Clerk