

Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting
March 1, 2005

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kenneson, Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Board designated Tuesday April 12, 2005 to be the date of the public hearing on the budget meeting to be held at Northwestern Regional District No. 7.

Financial Director Newbury discussed the Capital Expenditure Plan for 2005. This plan totals \$300,000.00. The plans impact on the 2005-06 budget is \$75,000.00 in principal and \$15,000.00 in interest. If implemented this will run for four years. The Board members discussed the possibility of switching some of the smaller items into the regular maintenance budget. This change if implemented in total would represent moving \$17,700.00 from the Capital Plan to the regular budget. The consensus of the Board members was to hold this as a possibility as the Board moves to finalize the budget.

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DISCUSS.

Superintendent Dr. Ohotnicky reviewed the items of increase in the budget. (See detail attached). Dr. Ohotnicky discussed her major priorities for this budget year. These priorities represent the following: 1.) An increase in academic staff positions of 2.6 F.T.E. These would include 1.0 World Language teacher, .6 Guidance personnel, and 1.0 English teacher. 2.) The Capitol Plan to assure that the infrastructure of the school is maintained. Dr. Ohotnicky went on to explain that the World Language teacher would be used in a flexible manner so as to extend the offerings in the World Language Department. This would allow for a number of possibilities. The English teacher is needed to assure that students who may need extra work in order to meet CAPT standards are serviced.

Considerable discussion took place relative to the .6 Guidance position. The rationale for adding the .6 position as presented by the Department is to reduce the Counselor/Student ratio. The Board discussed the possibility of adding a .2 guidance position to the department to allow the director to develop a long term plan during the 2005-06 academic school year. This plan would include both short and long term goals for the Guidance Department. The Board indicated they would discuss this a later date.

Chairman Thomson raised the question to the Board members as to what position they want to take on the Athletic Director's position after having considered the recent administrative study report. Chairman Thomson surveyed all members of the Board to elicit their opinion on this position. Mr. Egbertson indicated that this time he is in support of the position. Mr. Jerram stated that this position was the number one complaint among his constituents and he suggested the possibility of modifying the position in some way. Mrs. Yard voiced her support of the position but would be open to slight modification. Mrs. Sweeney supports the position and indicated that people may not realize that this is a twelve month position. Mrs. Lafave indicated her support of the position and the fact that this has resulted in superior services. She pointed out that this position includes supervision and evaluation of all coaches and members of the teaching staff of both Health and Physical Education departments. Mrs. Kenneson stated her support for the position but raised the possibility of shifting aspects of the job description. Mr. Thomson stated that he supports the concept of modifying the job description and suggested looking at the possibility of teaching time being added.

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Chairman Thomson suggested to the Board members that they look over the job description of the Athletic Director and be ready to hold a discussion at the next Budget Session.

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to adjourn ADJOURN the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Re Johnson,
Clerk