

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
April 26, 2005

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Egbertson, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Middle School Principal Osypuk, High School Principal Conner, Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, Student Representatives Amy Cimmino, Lindsey Burrill. Visitors: Shelley Lloyd, Claudia Mossman, Kenneth Chichester.

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2005 special meeting of the Board of Education. Aye: Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Thomson. Abstentions: Mr. Jerram, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Lafave.

APPROVE
MINUTES
4/7/05

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Yard and passed unanimously, to approve the the minutes of the April 12, 2005 District Hearing meeting.

APPROVE
MINUTES
4/12/05

MOTION by Mrs. Lafave, seconded by Mr. Egbertson, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2005 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

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4/12/05

Student Representative Amy Cimmino reported that the Spring Concert will take place on May 5th with the High School performing at 8:00 p.m. and the Middle School shortly before. The Senior class prom will be held on Friday May 27th and students are beginning to prepare for the AP exams.

STD. REP.
RPT.

Middle School Principal Mr. Osypuk reported that on Thursday April 28th the Middle School PTO will sponsor a breakfast for parents. The annual Book Fair will be held led by reading teacher Mrs. Susan Jeserski. This year the profit margin for the school will be 33%. Mr. Osypuk showed slides the recently held "Grandparent's Day". Approximately 120 people attended.

MS. RPT.

High School Principal Mr. Conner reported on the following for the High School: 1.) Student House Council held a benefit concert and a lock-in which raised \$2000.00 to benefit the Tsunami Relief fund and Relay for Life. 2.) Mr. Conner read a letter from the New Hartford Women's Club thanking Regional for donating to "Bunnies for Babies." 3.) The Open Door Soup Kitchen thanked Regional for their recent donation of food. 4.) The musical "Tommy" will be preformed by the Regional theater students on Friday April 29th and Saturday April 30th. 5.) A Career fair will be held on Wednesday May 4th. 6.) The Junior prom will be held at the Cornucopia banquet facility on May 7th. 7.) On May 23rd the program "Hard Truth" will be held for juniors and seniors. This program is designed to address the issues of drinking and driving and its sometime fatal consequences.

HS. RPT.

Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky reported that School to Career Coordinator JoAnn Delaini has been working closely with NCCC and their rural grant program. We will be actively pursuing a collaborative partnership with NCCC which in turn may offer the opportunity for our students to take classes which are not currently available at Regional.

SUPER-INTENDENT'S RPT.

Mrs. Lafave reported on CABE's Legislative update. She stated that their budget reflects a fifty million dollar increase in ECS funding. Mrs. Lafave also reminded the Board that CABE will be holding a policy workshop on Thursday April 28th.

CABE

Chairman Thomson asked the Board members about their timeframes for their election to the Board of Education.

UPDATES

The Board members briefly discussed the outline for the upcoming Annual District Meeting on May 2, 2005.

DIST. MTG.

High School Housemasters Claudia Mossman and Kenneth Chichester presented an overview of their job descriptions and on what they envision as goals for the High School. Ms. Mossman stated that the House Model is the latest trend in education and that Northwestern Regional has had the House Model in place for more than thirty years. Mr. Chichester talked about how plans are developing for increasing personalization within the school community. A brief question and answer period followed with the Board members.

HS HOUSE

A letter was received from Rachelle Truting, Spanish teacher requesting a maternity leave.

CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to grant the maternity leave consistent with the teacher's contract and the "Family and Medical Leave Act" with the final determination in the best interest of the students.

Mrs. Shelley Lloyd asked the Board whether or not unfunded mandates from the federal government were being looked into.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

EXEC. SESSION

Present in Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kenneson, Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.

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MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Egbertson, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Egbertson, and passed unanimously, to accept the Paraprofessional Contract as presented.

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