

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
October 12, 2004

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Lepkowski, Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, Interim High School Principal Conner, Middle School Principal Osypuk, Student Representatives, Amy Cimmino, Lindsey Burrill. Visitors: Mr. Kevin Case, Mrs. Shelley Lloyd, Melissa-Jordan Reilly.

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

Mr. Kevin Case was presented with an award of appreciation for nearly five years of service on the Board of Education.

CASE
AWARD

Mrs. Lafave wished to correct the minutes of the September 28, 2004 meeting of the Board of Education. Page One, Paragraph One, Present, add Mr. Dan Jerram's name.

CORRECT
MINUTES
9/28/04

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Lepkowski, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2004 regular meeting of the Board of Education as amended.

APPROVE
MINUTES
9/28/04

Students Representative Amy Cimmino reported that the H.O.P.E. Club is sponsoring the "Names Can Really Hurt Us" program which will take place on November 3, 2004. The track team will be competing in the Berkshire League. Amy reported that the Band members performed very well at the Bristol Mum Festival and New Hartford Day. Student Representative Lindsey Burrill reported that the Student Council is sponsoring a school in Ecuador and will be sending them much needed school supplies and school uniforms. The Student Council is also sponsoring a Blood Drive to be held on September 30th. Lindsey reported that our volleyball team competed against Gilbert High School and won.

STUDENT
REP.
RPT.

Middle School Principal Mr. Osypuk reported that "Breakfast with the Principal" has been very well received with 42 parents in attending so far. The next dates for the breakfast will be on October 14th and 20th. A charity basketball game will be held on October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and will benefit the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. A Middle School dance will be held on October 29th from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The "Make a Difference Club" led by Mrs. Leslie Sullivan will be taking a "Burr Pond Walk" on Saturday October 23rd at 9:30 a.m. to benefit our troops overseas. The Middle School PTO will be sponsoring a "Afterschool Fun Day" from 2:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on November 16, 2004. The Middle School PTO has also supervised a very successful magazine drive will sales over \$10,000.00.

MS
RPT.

Interim High School Principal Mr. Conner reported on the following for the High School: 1.) The Board members are reminded that the yearbook group photo is scheduled for October 26th at 6:45 in the Media Center. 2.) Revisions have been made to the Mountain Side Program that have resulted in increasing the Mountainside staff by one additional day per week. They will be available to students from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre. 3.) 35 students from the 10th and 11th grades will be participating in the: Names Can Really Hurt Us” program on November 3, 2004. 4.) The first math team competition of the season will take place on October 13th at New Fairfield High. 5.) 25 students will be taking a field trip to Osborne Correctional facility on December 7th to tour and have a conversation on life in a correctional facility with a panel of inmates. 6.) 41 students attended a Poetry Festival held on the Duke Farms Estate on September 30th. This festival held every two years is the largest of its kind in North America.

HS
RPT.

Dr. Ohotnicky reported that Regional’s Agricultural Education program was well represented at the Riverton Fair with displays and goods for sale. Dr. Ohotnicky stated that the New Hartford Communication Commission has created a New Hartford newsletter. Mrs. Joan Auclair has worked with the Commission and has offered her services to Regional’s Board of Education in the development of their Board of Education newsletter. Jennifer Hurley of the English Department has started a student newspaper on-line with her English students. The Regional web-site continues to be updated with the testing page to be completed with the addition of the CAPT, CMT score results and the school calendar finalization. Dr. Ohotnicky also reported that the Regional Board of Education has qualified to receive the CABE leadership award this year.

SUPER-
INTEN-
DENT
RPT.

Mr. Newbury presented the budget report and the transfers that need the Board’s approval. (See attached report.) MOTION by Mrs. Lafave, seconded by Mr. Egbertson, and passed unanimously to approve the transfers as presented by Mr. Newbury.

BDGT.
RPT.

The Board members were reminded that the CABE/CAPSS convention will be held on November 12-13, 2004.

CABE
CAPSS
CONV.

The Board member reviewed the second reading of Policy #5127, Graduation Requirements. MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to adopt Policy #5127, Graduation Requirements.

POLICY
#5127

A letter of resignation was received from Business teacher Andrea Welcome. MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to accept Andrea Welcome’s letter of resignation effective October 15, 2004.

CORRES-
PONDENCE

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The Board members discussed Mr. Steve Zimmerman's request for a student trip to Europe in the summer of 2005.

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Lepkowski, and passed unanimously, to approve Mr. Zimmerman's request contingent upon the conditions of world safety at the time of the trip.

Mrs. Lepkowski mentioned an article written in the Hartford Courant concerning the problems with student unrest at UCONN. Student Representatives Amy Cimmino and Lindsey Burrill will conduct a survey of their classmates to determine how they would react if faced with an out of control situation that was taking place in a college setting.

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 8:10 p.m.

EXEC.
SESSION

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

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Egbertson, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Re Johnson

