

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
September 14, 2004

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Interim Principal Wayne Conner. Student Representatives Amy Cimmino and Lindsey Burrill. Visitors: Trooper Timothy McAlpin, Shelley Lloyd.

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

Trooper Timothy McAlpin provided an overview of his role as School Resource Officer at Regional. Trooper McAlpin has been at Regional #7 for three years in this capacity. He explained to the Board members how he interacts with the students at Regional through different avenues such as sitting in on health and science classes and participating in "Mock Crime Scenes" where students use their forensic skills to investigate mock crime scenes. Trooper McAlpin also participates along with Principal Wayne Conner in organizing a field trip to Osborn Correctional where students interact with inmates that volunteer to talk to students about life in a correctional facility.

MCALPIN

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2004 regular meeting of the Board of Education. Aye: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney. Abstention: Mr. Jerram.

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Student Representative Amy Cimmino reported on the following for the High School: 1.) The Student Council has held their second annual can drive in memory of Cheryl Monyak a graduate of Regional #7. 2.) The "Walk for Diabetes" will be held on September 29th. 3.) The High School Band will participate in New Hartford Day on September 19th and will also take part in the annual Mum Festival in Bristol. Student Representative Lindsey Burrill reported that the first volley ball game will be September 15th and we will be playing Taconic.

STUDENT
REP.

Interim Principal Mr. Conner reported for the Middle School on the following:

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1.) The Middle School PTO is sponsoring a breakfast of cereal, milk and an apple for the eighth grade for the seven days of CMT testing. Ms. Perez, Mrs. Poriss and Mr. Miller along with Mr. Osypuk will be serving 190 students in the cafeteria beginning on Thursday September 16th. 2.) The Middle School has created a "Partners in Education Award". This program recognizes local businesses that have helped to promote our school by donating their products such as gift certificates, food, etc. to our program. Guida Dairy, Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, Cinerom and Stop & Shop have all received a framed award to be displayed at their place of business. They will also be recognized in the awards case outside of the Middle School Office and in next month's newsletter.

Interim High School Principal Conner reported that the opening of school went exceptionally well this year. Mr. Conner stated that our students performances on the CAPT test are excellent. The administration has worked closely with department heads to align current curriculum to the CAPT standards. The 10th grade students were given breakfast and a brief exercise program before the test began as students perform at their best when properly fed and relaxed. Mr. Conner also reported that Ms. Kathy Christianson of the Anti-Defamation League has met with H.O.P.E. club advisors, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Dressel to discuss the program "Names Can Really Hurt Us" to be presented in late October.

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Dr. Ohotnicky reported that there will be add'l information on the school's web-site with new SUPER-buttons added for specific areas. Dr. Ohotnicky is hopeful that by the next Board meeting all NTENDENT will have been completed. Dr. Ohotnicky stated that she has been contacted by the Litchfield RPT. County Times a local newspaper, who wishes to highlight our school as we hold the honor of being #1 in school scoring in Litchfield County. Dr. Ohotnicky has spoken with all department heads about Instruction Improvement Plans and will be giving these plans out to the Board members in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Lafave reminded all Board members that the CABA/ CAPSS convention will be held on CABA November 12-13, 2004. Dr. Ohotnicky reported that Mr. Egbertson and Mrs. Lafave will be receiving 10 year honorary status for their dedicated service to the Board.

The Board members reviewed the goals for 2003-04 and discussed how timely the existing 2004-05 goals have been met and what goals needed updating or revision. It was determined among the GOALS Board members that the strategic plan needs to be thoroughly reviewed as it is nearing the end of the year.

Dr. Ohotnicky led a discussion about the proposed modifications to the current Policy #5127 POLICY Graduation Requirements. Dr. Ohotnicky stated that because standards were not in place at the #5127 time proficiency levels were determined, it is now necessary to align our graduation requirements with the state and national criteria so that clear expectations for all students are in place.

A letter was received from Mr. Armand Manniccia requesting to extend his leave of absence through the end of the school year. CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to deny Mr. Manniccia's request.

A letter of resignation was received from Mrs. Kate Calendrillo.

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to accept with regret Mrs. Calendrillo's letter of resignation.

A letter was received from the Berkshire Foothills Ballet requesting the use of the auditorium for performances in December and June. The normal usage fee will apply.

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to grant the request.

A letter was received from the Citizens for Responsible Government regarding the upcoming teacher negotiations.

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Mrs. Shelley Lloyd commented on the updated web-site.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and personnel at 9:02 p.m.

EXEC.
SESSION

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

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to come out of Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Re Johnson