

**Regional School District # 7
Board of Education Minutes
February 28, 2006**

PRESENT: Chairman Thomson, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Sweeney, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Lanctot, Superintendent, Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Roger Newbury, High School Principal, Mr. Connor, Middle School Principal Osypuk, and Student Representative, Ryan LeBlanc.

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

Motion by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey to approve the minutes of the February 14th regular meeting of the Board of Education. **APPROVED MINUTES 11/8**

Mrs. Delaini, Coordinator and Mrs. Deasy, Department Assistant, discussed the Business Education/School to Career Update Curriculum. Mrs. Deasy explained that five students have been trained at Northwestern Community Bank and that the student run bank will open on April 26th. This is a cooperative activity with the bank and funded by a grant. Mrs. Deasy discussed updated courses, professional development for staff in use of smart boards, and the start-up of a future Business Leaders of America Chapter. **CURRICULUM**

The Reading Department Team, consisting of Andrea Ashe, Krista Brazie, Susan Jeserski and Casey DiBella, presented the curriculum report. They discussed reading skills & strategies, as well as skills required for the CMT. Activities that take place in this department include the Scholastic Book Fair, the Career Fair, Word Stems (to understand the meaning of words), as well as the Reader's Digest Vocabulary competition. There was a question and answer period between the Reading Department and the Board Members. **CURRICULUM**

Mr. Newbury distributed the budget report for the Board's approval. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Motion by Mrs. Lafave, seconded by Mr. Lanctot and passed unanimously, to approve the budget report.

Chairman Thomson, opened up the budget discussions, along with Director of Finance, Roger Newbury and Superintendent, Roberta Ohotnicky. There was an extensive question and answer period between Board members regarding various line items on the budget. **BUDG. DISC.**

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A letter was received from Student Representative, Lindsay Burrell addressed to the Board Members.

CORRESP.

Board Member Mr. Gregor, posed the question to the Board about whether or not parent complaints, or any other similar problems that may occur should be brought to the Board's attention. Chairman Thomson responded by saying that those were more departmental issues and should be dealt with first through the appropriate lines of communication.

FUTURE AGENDAS

Mrs. Shelley Lloyd commented on the budget discussions that took place during this meeting.

PUBLIC

Motion by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot at 9:55 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Yard at 10:15 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Ann Bocchetta
Board Clerk