

**Regional School District #7  
Board of Education Minutes  
January 10, 2006**

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Lancot, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Gregor, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Lafave, High School Principal Conner, Superintendent Dr. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operation Newbury. Student Representative Ryan Leblanc.

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

CALL TO

ORDER

Chairman Thomson read into the record that Barkhamsted Board of Education member Mr. Mark Lancot was sworn in by the Town Clerk on December 1, 2005.

Chairman Thomson recognized community volunteer Mrs. Joan Auclair for her work on the Board of Education newsletter. This newsletter was the recipient of the CABA honorable mention award.

**MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to go into**

EXEC.

**Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.**

SESSION

**MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.**

**MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to APPRV. approve the December 13, 2005 Organization Meeting minutes.**

MINUTES

12/13/05

**MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve**

APPRV.

**minutes of the December 13, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.**

MINUTES

12/13/05

Student Representative Ryan LeBlanc reported that mid-term exams will start on Thursday STD. January 19<sup>th</sup>. Ryan also reported that the National Honor Society held its induction in December.

REP.

Ryan expressed some concern that students had about the recently installed security cameras.

RPT.

Chairman Thomson and Superintendent Dr. Ohotnicky encouraged Ryan to discuss any issues with the Principal and to talk to the school newspaper about writing an informational article.

High School Principal Mr. Wayne Conner reported that Student Representative Lindsey Burrill  
HS  
may have to resign her position because of a conflict with her work schedule. Principal Conner  
RPT.  
reported that Middle School Principal Osypuk was at Quinnipiac College with a number of  
Middle School students for a conference on school leadership. He also reported that due to storm  
days, the mid-term exams were pushed back two days. Principal Conner handed out copies of the  
High School newsletter and congratulated Business teacher Dee Cusati for taking over the  
production of this publication.

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Mrs. Lafave encouraged members to consider attending the workshop at Education Connection  
UPDATES  
on High School starting times. She also reported to the Board that she will be attending, as a  
representative of CAFE, the February 4-7 lobbying weekend in Washington D.C. She said that  
she would report back to the Board at a future meeting. Mrs. Lafave brought to the Boards  
attention, a workshop on "E-Meetings" and encouraged Board members to attend a demonstration  
on Thursday, January 12 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Chairman Thomson reported on the progress of the Board of Education Goals. "Goal to enhance  
GOAL  
communication to the public and community." Mrs. Yard is chairing that committee and has had  
UPDATES  
one meeting and has scheduled another prior to the next Board meeting. "Goal to improve Board  
organization and operations." Mrs. Lafave reported that her committee will be working on student  
Board member responsibilities and the Board policies relating to them. "Goal to review existing  
programs, staffing, needs and resources." Chairman Thomson said that this would be upcoming  
with detailed budget discussion and development. "Goal to continue to pursue advocacy for  
public education." Chairman Thomson noted Mrs. Lafave's work in this area and the investi-  
gation of the Connecticut Municipal Consortium. "Goal to monitor the implementation of the  
Regional School District No. 7 Strategic Plan 2005-08." Superintendent Ohotnicky reported that  
there will be a committee meeting January, 2006.

Mrs. Lafave updated the Board on the CAFE 1 Area Legislative Breakfast on January 26, 2006  
CAFE  
between the hours of 8 and 9:30 am at Northwestern Regional. She encouraged Board members  
to personally invite members of local Boards of Education to this event.

Superintendent Dr. Ohotnicky presented two timelines for budget development. After discussion  
BDGT.  
it was the consensus of the Board to go with the timeline proposal to start discussion on February  
TIME

21, 2006. Dr. Ohotnicky will begin scheduling with the Selectman the dates for the informal  
Budget Communication meetings in each of the district towns. LINES

Chairman Thomson introduced the Connecticut Municipal Consortium to the Board. CT.  
Mr. Thomson stated that the purpose of this group is to be the voice of municipality's, including  
MUNC.

municipality finance and education officials. The mission of this group would be to advocate  
for legislative changes that would be in line with their goals. CONSORT-  
IUM

**MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Lafave, and passed unanimously, to endorse  
the mission of the Consortium.**

Superintendent Dr. Ohotnicky presented a draft calendar for 2006-2007. She explained the  
challenges that result from not knowing the exact dates for CAPTS and CMTS.

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There was no correspondence at this time. CORRESP.  
CORR-

School building tour 1/24/06 starting at 6:00 p.m., guidance presentation on 1/24/06, ITEMS  
adoption of the school calendar and Mrs. Lafave's meeting in Washington, D.C. FOR FUTURE  
with legislators. AGENDAS

There were no members of the public at this time.

**MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to go into  
Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. EXEC.  
SESSION**

**MOTION by Mrs. Sweeney, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to come out  
of Executive Session at 9:54 p.m.**

**MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, ADJOURN**

**to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Ann Bocchetta  
Board Clerk