

**Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
February 11, 2009
6:30 P.M.
Newbury Library-Media Center**

Present:

Molly Sexton Read	Barkhamsted
Mark Lanctot	Barkhamsted
Janice Dorazio	Colebrook
Theresa Kenneson	Colebrook
Schuyler Thomson	Norfolk
Tara Yard	Norfolk

APPROVED 2/25/09

Averill Cantwell	Student Representative
Shelby Mainville	Student Representative

Clint Montgomery	Superintendent of Schools
Roger Newbury	Director of Finance and Operations

Wayne Conner	High School Principal
Candy Perez	Middle School Principal

Absent:

John Griffey	New Hartford
Daniel Jerram	New Hartford

<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of January 14, 2009 as presented.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1/14/09
MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of January 29, 2009 as presented.	1/29/09
<p>Averill Cantwell provided a report on high school (specifically twelfth grade) activities highlighting Safe Driving Week, the re-scheduled presentation by Scott Ritter, and the recent introduction of the Latin Club. Mr. Conner reported that Averill Cantwell has recently been named National Merit Scholarship finalist. Averill stated there have been questions from seniors regarding the plans for graduation given the high number of snow days.</p> <p>Shelby Mainville also reported on 11th grade activities highlighting the Relay for Life program. She indicated that some high school students are seeking information about the upcoming changes to the class schedule.</p> <p>Mr. Montgomery responded to the question regarding the schedule, indicating that although the schedule changes had been completed by the committee, there were administrative guidelines that needed to be addressed prior to presenting the new schedule. He stated that the administrative team was meeting the following day to outline these guidelines and determine a plan for a "roll-out" of the new schedule to all constituents involved, including students and the BOE. This process should be completed by the end of February.</p> <p>In regards to the question about graduation, Mr. Montgomery stated that he had received a donation (from Mr. and Mrs. John Griffey) toward the payment of expenses for the use of the</p>	<p>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS</p> <p>AVERILL CANTWELL SHELBY MAINVILLE</p>

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<p>Warner Theater for graduation. Additional donations may also be forthcoming as well. Mr. Montgomery stated that a visit was also made to Richard Blumenthal’s office to finalize his participation in graduation. Mr. Montgomery stated that he has been in touch with the officials at the Warner Theater in order to discuss a more appropriate date, given the number of cancelled school days due to weather.</p>	
<p>Ms. Perez provided a report on middle school initiatives and activities, highlighting the preparation for the March CMTs. She also reported on the progress of the middle school Data Teams in the analysis of information for instructional change and student learning.</p> <p>Mr. Conner provided a high school report, highlighting the recognition received by high school staff and students due to the high level of monies collected through the Relay for Life event. He also reported on the addition of a Latin Club which has drawn a great deal of student interest. Lastly, Mr. Conner reported on activities related to reducing substance abuse in the high school, leading up to a report on an upcoming meeting with parents regarding the topic with a panel of experts.</p>	<p>PRINCIPALS REPORTS</p>
<p>The superintendent’s report included a review of the initiatives related to Renewable Energy. He reported on the timeline for the solar panels and also indicated that (with BOE approval) he had been in contact with Optiwind to discuss the feasibility for a wind tower on the school grounds. He also indicated that NWR7 has submitted a proposal, in conjunction with the town of Norfolk, for a grant for a demonstration project regarding a small wind turbine that would be used for educational reasons.</p> <p>Mr. Montgomery also reported on the recent article in the Business Week that named NWR7 as the “Best Improved” high school in Connecticut.</p>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT</p>
<p>Mr. Newbury presented several requests for the use of NWR7 facilities. Discussion followed.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to approve the use of the auditorium by the Center for Dance Arts at \$200.00 per night; the use of the gymnasium by the Highlander Basketball Camp at \$1400.00 per week (both to pay the actual cost of custodial services); and the use of a classroom by Northwestern Connecticut Community College with no cost.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mr. Thomson, to approve the New Hartford Lions Club use of the gymnasium, subject to a \$200.00 energy cost plus the actual cost of custodial services.</p> <p>Aye: Mr. Lanctot, Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Thomson. Nay: Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson. Abstention: None. Motion passed.</p>	<p>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT</p>
<p>NONE</p>	<p>UPDATES</p>
<p>NONE</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>
<p>Mr. Montgomery read a letter from Mr. Keegan Day regarding his position as a Technological Education Teacher.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to accept the resignation of Keegan Day.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. for the purpose of negotiation issues and a student situation (confidential file). Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Thomson, Superintendent Montgomery and Director of Finance Newbury. Mr. Jerram joined the Executive Session by telephone at 7:49 p.m.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>

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<p>Mr. Dan Jerram was contacted by speaker phone at 8:36 p.m. Unsuccessful Attempts were made to also contact Mr. John Griffey at the same time.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.</p>	
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the retirement option for all teachers to receive \$10,000.00 or Class II health insurance benefits. Mr. Jerram voted by telephone.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Thomson, to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the Northwestern Teachers Association with respect to the athletic director’s position. Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Dorazio. Nay: Mr. Jerram. Abstention: None. Motion passed.</p>	RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION
<p>MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.</p>	ADJOURNMENT

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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Clint Montgomery,
Superintendent of Schools