

Regional School District No. 7  
Board of Education Minutes  
January 13, 2011

APPROVED/CORRECTED  
2/9/2011

PRESENT: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. R. Jerram, Mrs. Dorazio, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, Middle School Principal Perez, High School Principal Chichester, Student Representative(s) Lindsay Humphrey and Lior Trestman.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sexton Read at 5:57 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2010, Annual Organizational Meeting. ANN. ORG. MTG.  
12/8/10

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2010, as presented. MINUTES  
12/8/10

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010, Special Meeting. MINUTES  
12/15/10

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2010, Special Meeting. Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. R. Jerram. Nay: None. Abstention: Mrs. Dorazio. Motion passed. MINUTES  
12/21/10

Student Rep. Lindsay Humphrey reported on fundraisers in progress for the Junior Class, including Pennies for Penguins, which helps the Special Olympics, and a bake sale to be held on January 22, 2011 at Marandino's in New Hartford. The Junior Prom will be held on May 7, 2011 at the Cornucopia. The Prom Committee will be holding regular meetings. STUDENT  
REP  
REPORTS

Student Rep. Lior Trestman announced the public may recycle their bottles and cans on the night of the NWR/Gilbert boys basketball game on 2/16/11 at Northwestern. The National Honor Society has painted 14 ceiling tiles with the school logo for the main hallway.

Superintendent Palmer, MS Principal Perez and HS Principal Chichester presented 2011-12 school year considerations through a power point presentation and data collected by the administration. These considerations include: ARRA by 2013, a longitudinal data system which includes students ages preschool to 20 years, federal and state mandates, Education Reform Act (PA 10-111), Common Core Standards by 2014, Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium by 2015, and Board Examination System Consortium by 2012. Future needs include: by 2013-Build in time and training, 2014-update math and English language arts, by 2014-freshman class will be the first class in which these requirements must be fulfilled. PRINCIPALS  
REPORTS

Ms. Perez discussed enrollment which included a ten year timeline, year 2000 to the present. The new 7<sup>th</sup> grade coming in 2011-12 will be the highest enrollment since 2000. MS ENROLL  
2011-12

Mr. Newbury presented a 10 year review of program studies, electives and hands on learning opportunities prior to year 2000. Ms. Perez and Mr. Chichester added to the discussion about classes that were lost and the impact of reductions from 2008 to the present. Mr. Newbury reviewed other considerations such as Response to Intervention, increase of class sizes, career education opportunities and world language needs that will be increased next year.	PROGRAM OF STUDIES REVIEW
Superintendent Palmer discussed state and federal mandates, High School Reform, Middle School enrollment increases and elective classes. Dr. Palmer thanked Mr. Newbury, Mr. Chichester and Ms. Perez for preparing and assisting in this report.	SUPT. REPORT
Motion by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to authorize the Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Newbury, to make budget transfers as reported. Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. R. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant. Nay: None. Motion passed.	BUDGET TRANSFERS
MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve the offer of \$1000.00 to any qualifying teacher who notifies, in writing, the Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education by February 23, 2011 of their intention of early retirement. The offer as stated above will be irrevocable when notification is submitted. Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. R. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant. Nay: None. Motion passed.	EARLY RETIRE- MENT OFFER
Superintendent Palmer presented a report to the Board of Education all of the Middle and High School Clubs and Activities that are presently offered at Northwestern. This also included the number of students participating in the activities and the Advisor(s).	CLUBS & ACTIVITIES REPORT
MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, to approve the request for the 2012 European Trip to Italy, France and England, as submitted by Frank Rodenberg, Social Studies teacher at Northwestern. Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. R. Jerram. Nay: None. Motion passed.	EUROPE TRIP 2012 APPROVED
A letter was received from New Hartford Board of Education Representative, Mr. Daniel Jerram, resigning from the Board of Education effective December 31, 2010. Ms. Sexton Read accepted his letter with regrets and sadness. All members of the Board of Education expressed their appreciation of his service to Northwestern and will be missed.	D. JERRAM RESIGNS
Public – None	PUBLIC
MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of Contracts. Present in Executive Session: Ms Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. R. Jerram, Mrs. Dorazio.	EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to cancel the second regular Board of Education meeting in January 2011.

CANCEL  
BOE MTG

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted

Kaye M. Sweeney  
Board Clerk