

**Regional School District No. 7  
Board of Education Minutes  
January 14, 2009  
6:30 P.M.  
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**Present:**

Molly Sexton Read	Barkhamsted
Janice Dorazio	Colebrook
Theresa Kenneson	Colebrook
Schuyler Thomson	Norfolk
Tara Yard	Norfolk
John Griffey	New Hartford
Daniel Jerram	New Hartford

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Averill Cantwell	Student Representative
Clint Montgomery	Superintendent of Schools
Roger Newbury	Director of Finance and Operations
Wayne Conner	High School Principal

**Absent:**

Mark Lanctot	Barkhamsted
Shelby Mainville	Student Representative
Candy Perez	Middle School Principal

<b><u>DISCUSSION</u></b>	<b><u>ISSUE</u></b>
Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Ms. Sexton Read requested that the staff reports be moved to the beginning of the agenda and there was no objection.	CALL TO ORDER
Mrs. Zematis made a presentation on the Physical Education and Health Department providing an update on the activities of the department and the curricular changes in the last several years.	DEPARTMENT REPORTS PHYSICAL ED . AND HEALTH
Mr. Williams provided an update on the Athletics Department. He reviewed the rates of participation and the results of recent surveys of the some of the students and coaches.	ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT REPORT
Mr. Montgomery introduced JoAnn Delaini, the School to Career Coordinator. Mrs. Delaini provided a report on several Perkins Grant proposals including Cooperative Work Experience, Student Success Plans, Engineering and Robotics, and E-Commerce. The grants will be reviewed next week and final decisions made on which to submit to the State Department of Education.	GRANT PROPOSALS
Averill Cantwell provided a report on high school (specifically twelfth grade) activities including an update on the status of various NWR7 sports teams	STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
<b>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Thomson, and passed unanimously, to accept the minutes of December 10, 2008.</b>	MINUTES DEC 10, 2008

<p><b>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to accept the minutes of December 17, 2008 with the following changes: Correction to Brad Bauer’s name and a change in reflect that Mrs. Dorazio was not present at this meeting. Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Thomson. Nay: None. Abstention: Mrs. Dorazio. Motion passed.</b></p>	<p>MINUTES DEC 17, 2008</p>
<p>Ms. Perez was absent due to a family illness day. Mr. Conner provided a report on various high school achievements by students and upcoming activities. He also provided a copy of a letter that he sent to parents regarding communication and cooperation between school and home regarding drug usage in school and the community. There was discussion of the response to the letter by parents, which tended to be positive, and administrative activities to follow-up on the letter’s contents.</p>	<p>PRINCIPAL REPORTS</p>
<p>Mr. Montgomery reported that the Scheduling Committee has completed their activities and a report will be presented to the BOE meeting in the near future. He indicated that the committee chose a schedule that rotated the first five periods and the last two periods separately. This change will allow for greater and broader opportunities for student involvement in academic and career activities and programs next year. Mr. Montgomery reported that the individual meetings with the town officials have been completed. Mr. Montgomery also provided an update on the Highlander Educational Foundation stating that the state certification papers have been received and the board of directors has been chosen.</p>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT</p>
<p>Mr. Newbury provided an updated financial and budget report, indicating where recommended line item changes should be made.  <b>MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to approve the budget transfers as presented.</b>  Mr. Newbury also stated that work has begun on the development of a calendar for the various town, board of education, and district budget meetings necessary for the budget process. Mr. Montgomery will make contact with the various town selectmen to set up the meetings for the presentation of the budget to the four towns.</p>	<p>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT</p>
<p><b>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations and Board of Education contract issues. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Thomson. Mrs. Dorazio, Superintendent Montgomery, Director of Finance Newbury.</b>  <b>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 10:23 p.m. No action taken in Executive Session.</b></p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION  RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION</p>
<p><b>MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.</b></p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
<p>Ms. Sexton Read discussed with the BOE members the option of changing the time of the second meeting to be held in January. Since there was no objection, there was a consensus that the next meeting will be held a 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m.</p>	

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

*CA Montgomery*

Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools