

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
February 9, 2011

APPROVED 2/23/2011

PRESENT: PRESENT: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Torrant (6:19 p.m.), 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.

Meeting called to order by Ms. Sexton Read at 6:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio , and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of January 13, 2010 as corrected (date of Mr. D. Jerram's resignation from the BOE should read December 31, 2010).

MINUTES
1/13/2011

Student Representative, Lior Trestman, reported on the AP classes and reviewed with Board members that despite the snow days, AP classes continued online. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Gilbert basketball game on February 16 at Northwestern and the public is invited to recycle their cans and bottles that evening. Donations will go to the Green Team. The students are working on a \$20,000 Green Initiative Grant sponsored by CL&P. This includes a two minute video.

STUDENT REP
REPORT

Student Representative, Lindsay Humphrey, announced the Student Council will sponsor a dance on March 11, 2011 at school. Pennies for Penguins continue to be collected with all donations going to support the Special Olympics. A new Student Recognition and Achievement Program has been started. Students who go above and beyond expectations are recognized.

STUDENT
REP REPORT

Middle School Principal Perez reported the NAEP nationwide test will be administered to middle school students on February 11, 2011. Teacher development continues on curriculum mapping software. Mastery Test dates will not change due to the snow days incurred, according to the State of Connecticut. March test dates remain as posted.

PRINCIPALS
REPORTS

High School Principal Chichester announced nominations for Teacher of the Year: Connecticut Secondary Art Educator – Dana Curtis and Connecticut Secondary Music Educator - Steve Zimmerman. Mr. Chichester also announced the Connecticut Athlete-Student Awards to Catherine Beaudoin and Mitchell Renfrew. The Governor's Scholar nomination is Katherine Blouin.

Both Ms. Perez and Mr. Chichester wish to express their praise to Lindsey Williams and Amanda Cormier for their hard work and dedication on making Rachel's Challenge available to Northwestern students. The program will be held February 10, 2011 during the school day and again in the evening for staff, students, parents and the community.

RACHEL'S
CHALLENGE

Superintendent Palmer discussed and updated the BOE on the snow removal. She wished to recognize the custodians for their hard work, inside and outside of the building and to the faculty and staff for their efforts to assist. The structural engineer has been at school twice to evaluate the roof and snow load. O&G is also assisting. Dr. Palmer stated two more Chinese students will be attending Northwestern in March.

SUPT.
REPORT

Director of Finance and Operations Newbury reviewed the current budget and transfers.

DIRECTOR
Of FINANCE

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Newbury, to make budget transfers as reported.

APPROVE
BUDGET
TRANSFERS

Mr. Newbury discussed the 2011-2012 school budget draft in progress. The Working Budget presentation will be on February 23, 2011. Discussion by BOE members with suggestions, options, presentation and questions about ECS funding.

BUDGET
PRESENTA-
TION 2/23/11

Mr. Dorazio updated members on the Regionalization Committee. She stated meetings continue and will be held each second and fourth Mondays of each month. The next meeting is February 28, 2011.

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UPDATE

Dr. Palmer updated the Board on the school calendar. Because seven days of school have been missed to date, she has suggested February 22, 2011 and April 25, 2011 become student days to allow for some room in the calendar if more weather interferes with school being in session.

SCHOOL
CALENDAR

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to make the following adjustments to the 2010-2011 School Calendar: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 and Monday, April 25, 2011 will now be student school days.

CALENDAR
C HANGES

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to set the date for Graduation on Friday, June 24, 2011.

GRAD. DATE
6/24/2011

Superintendent Palmer introduced two policies for their first reading and review: Policy 4000.1-Title IX, and Policy 5141.21-Administering Medications.

POLICY REVIEW
4000.1 & 5141.21

Correspondence-None

CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Session- None

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p. m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye Sweeney, Board Clerk