

**Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
February 25, 2009
6:30 P.M.
Newbury Library-Media Center**

Present:

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

APPROVED 3/11/09

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

Absent:

None

<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Peter Burcat, CEO for Ecostream asked to provide an update to the BOE regarding the Solar Panel Project. He displayed and demonstrated a sample of the bracket/panel system to be used on the roof of the building. He answered questions regarding the timing of the project, indicating the international financial crisis has resulted in the bank's need to move cautiously. However, he stated that he expected that the project would be completed on time and with appropriately licensed construction personnel. He stated that with the newer panels that are now available, approximately 2400 panels would be necessary to complete the specifications of the plan. He repeated the company's commitment to provide part time science staff in order to work with and involve students in the project.	PUBLIC PORTION Ecostream Presentation
MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Thomson, to approve the minutes of February 11, 2009. Aye: Mrs. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Dorazio. Nay: None. Abstentions: Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram. Motion passed.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2/11/09
No Report.	SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Mr. Newbury distributed an updated financial report. He indicated that no transferred were necessary at this time. He also explained the need for approval from the BOE for the completion of the gym floor abatement project. MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to accept Building Project 207-030 as complete and authorize the Superintendent or his designee to submit the application for final payment.	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT

<p>Mr. Montgomery distributed copies of both the Object and Program versions of the proposed 2009-2010 budget. He provided an overview of the assumptions, the accompanying charts and key changes of the budget indicating that the current version represents a 0% increase over last year’s budget. The BOE members discussed the calendar for meetings with the town officials and the need for a referendum this year considering the absence of an increase in the budget. Ms. Sexton Read agreed to discuss this issue with the New Hartford town officials.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Proposed 2009 – 2010 Budget</p>
<p>Mr. Montgomery briefly reviewed the process involved in the development of an updated policy manual. The BOE reviewed the section of mandated policies that were missing from the current manual and made the following motions:</p>	<p>Review of the Mandated Policies</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #0000, Statement of Philosophy, as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #0000</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #0200, Goals/Objectives for Student Accomplishment, with changes noted.</p>	<p>Policy #0200</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #0521, Nondiscrimination, as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #0521</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #4112.5/4212.5, Security Check/Fingerprinting, as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #4112.5/4212.5</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #4212.42, Drug and Alcohol Testing For School Bus Drivers, as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #4212.42</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #5118.1, Homeless Students, with changes noted.</p>	<p>Policy #5118.1</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #5145.14, On-Campus Recruitment, as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #4145.14</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #5145.4(a), Americans With Disabilities Act/Section 504, as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #5145.4(a)</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #6141.312, Migrant Students, as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #6141.312</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #6161.3, Comparability of Services, with changes noted.</p>	<p>Policy #6161.3</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #6164.11, Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol, as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #6164.11</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #6164.12, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #6164.12</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #6172.4, Title I Parent Involvement, as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #6172.4</p>

<p>Mr. Montgomery reviewed the two grants for approval by the BOE.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Thomson, and passed unanimously, to accept the Carl Perkins Grant Application, as presented, for submission to the State.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Superintendent to submit a grant application for a wind turbine.</p>	<p>Grant Approvals</p> <p>Perkins Grant</p> <p>Wind Turbine</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Thomson, and passed unanimously, to accept the resignation of Dana Packer.</p> <p>Mr. Montgomery indicated that he had received five resignation letters from staff who had elected to retire this year with the incentive plan from the BOE.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to accept the resignations of Charles Zierzow, Louise VanAlstyne, Louise Zierzow, Susan Samsel Poriss , and Fred Williams with appreciation for years of service.</p> <p>Mr. Montgomery also read a letter from Mr. Nicholas Fanelli, a previous Region 7 BOE chairman, recognizing the citation of the high school in the recent issue of Business Week.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>D. Packer Resign. Letters from Staff Retiring June, 2009 C.Zierzow, F. Williams, S. Samsel Poriss, L. VanAlstyne, L. Zierzow</p> <p>Letter from Nicholas Fanelli</p>
<p>Questions were addressed by reporters from the Register Citizen and the Waterbury Republican regarding various items on the agenda, including the budget.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PROTION</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mr. Thomson, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. for the purpose of negotiation issues. Present in Executive Session: Mrs. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Thomson, Superintendent Montgomery, Director of Finance Newbury.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Thomson, to authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding as worked out with the Northwestern Teachers’ Association relative to the Athletic Director position. Aye: Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard. Nay: Mr. Jerram, Mr. Griffey. Motion passed.</p> <p>A Motion made by Mr. Jerram failed for lack of a second regarding a proposed letter to the various Region 7 bargaining units regarding the need to forego salary raises for the 2009 – 2010 school year.</p>	<p>RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION</p> <p>M.O.U. Re: Athletic Director</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools