

**Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
March 25, 2009
7:00 P.M.
Norfolk – Botelle School – Hall of Flags**

Present:

Molly Sexton Read	Barkhamsted
Janice Dorazio	Colebrook
Theresa Kenneson	Colebrook
Daniel Jerram	New Hartford
John Griffey	New Hartford
Schuyler Thomson	Norfolk
Tara Yard	Norfolk
Clint Montgomery	Superintendent of Schools
Roger Newbury	Director of Finance and Operations

Absent:

Mark Lanctot	Barkhamsted
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<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
Ms. Molly Sexton Read provided an overview of the proposed R7 budget for the 2009-2010 school year. She introduced the presentation with a review of the accomplishments of the middle and high schools and the notice they have received for academic and programmatic initiatives. Ms. Sexton Read presented the budget through both powerpoint and discussion regarding the major object items of the budget, noting that the R7 budget called for a zero increase over last years costs. She reviewed the assumptions and major factors that influenced the budget. A question and answer period followed this presentation.	INFORMAL PRESENTION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET
The budget presentation portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to the regular BOE meeting that immediately followed.	ADJOURNMENT
Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
No comments or questions	PUBLIC PORTION
MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2009. Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Dorazio, Nay: None. Abstention: Mr. Griffey. Motion passed.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 3/11/09
Mr. Montgomery reported that the Perkins Grant submitted to the State Department of Education had been approved for the original request of approximately \$27,000. This grant would be devoted to the development of a web-based document (School Success Plan) that is associated with the state's school reform movement. The success plan would act in manner similar to an IEP starting in the sixth grade to assist in individualized planning for school success and eventual transition to post secondary life experiences. Mr. Montgomery thanked Ms. JoAnn Delaini for her work on this grant.	REPORTS PERKINS GRANT
The BOE reviewed the Substance Abuse Survey which was distributed at the last meeting. After some discussion it was decided to change and clarify the last item of the survey. MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the substance abuse survey subject to question #40 being reworded.	OLD BUSINESS Substance Abuse Survey

<p>There was a brief discussion among the BOE members regarding the proposed budget. In response to a question, Mr. Montgomery indicated that one change to the budget was the replacement of the .6 Math position and the loss of two non-certified positions to make up for this change.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to take the budget as presented (\$17, 602,371.) to the District Budget Hearing on April 8, 2009.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Thomson, and passed unanimously, to amend the Call of the District Budget Hearing to state that it will take place in the Roberta S. Ohotnicky Little Theatre.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to adopt the Call of the District Budget Hearing.</p>	<p>Adoption of the Budget</p> <p>Call of District Budget Hearing</p>
<p>Mr. Montgomery reviewed the request by Ms. Kandefer to conduct a survey of students and staff regarding interest in a Web-Based writing service.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the Teacher/Student survey relative to the improvement of writing instruction.</p> <p>The BOE began discussion of the Hartland Out-of-District Tuition Issues and decided, based on the contractual implications, that this would be best discussed during an executive session. In response to questions from the BOE, Mr. Montgomery stated that there are currently six new ninth graders slated for entry into R7 for the fall. This compares with 4 ninth grade students from the previous year. The total number of regular education/non-Ag-Ed students will be 16 for the 2009-2010 school year.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS Kandefer Survey</p> <p>Hartland Tuition</p>
<p>The BOE members expressed appreciation for the letter from Ms Van Alstyne regarding her service to the district</p> <p>Mr. Montgomery reviewed the letter from Ms Niehoff regarding her request to survey several staff and administrators at R7 in relation to her research on informal teacher to teacher consultation and learning.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Thomson, and passed unanimously, to approve Karissa Niehoff's request to conduct a research survey at Northwestern.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE Van Alstyne Letter</p> <p>Neihoff Letter and survey request</p>
<p>There were a number of questions from the audience and press regarding agenda items which were addressed by the administration and BOE members.</p>	<p>OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Griffey, Superintendent Montgomery, Director of Finance Newbury.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 9:09 p.m.</p>	<p>REGULAR SESSION</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Thomson, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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 Clint Montgomery,
 Superintendent of Schools