

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2011

CORRECTED/
APPROVED 5/11/11

PRESENT: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Gauthier, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, High School Principal Chichester.

The District Budget Hearing was called to order by Ms. Sexton Read at 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET
HEARING

No comments from the public were made.

The District Budget Hearing was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

ADJOURN

Ms. Sexton Read called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of March 22, 2011.

MINUTES
3/22/2011

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. Gauthier and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of March 24, 2011.

MINUTES
3/24/2011

High School Principal Chichester updated the Board on graduation at the Warner Theatre on June 20, 2011.

HIGH SCH.
PRINCIPAL
REPORT

Mr. Chichester talked to the Board about the new High School Principal page on the Northwestern website which will contains information on information on parenting, technology and links to documents. There will be a listing of activities that are going on in the High School. A parent advisory council is being initiated which will address current issues and communication among the students and parents. A student advisory council that will include a faculty member is being organized. A curriculum will be developed to assist students in setting goals. Mr. Chichester stated that Northwestern is looking to expand the UCONN Experiences for Students and give students more opportunity to achieve college credit.

Superintendent Palmer reported on Grandparents Day that was held today in the Middle School. Grandparents listened to students read poetry, watched technology demonstrations through graphic calculators, and attended a presentation by the Middle School Choral group.

SUPT.
REPORT

Dr. Palmer updated the Board on the Optiwind Project which is due for installation in the summer of 2012. The FFA Student Exchange Program has begun. Brittany Gunther from the Gainesville, Georgia FFA, joined our FFA students, for three days as part of an exchange program. Senior, Dan Santalla, will be going to Georgia during April vacation to learn about the Gainesville, Georgia FFA program.

FFA
EX-
CHANGE
PROGRAM

Ms. Sexton Read wished to acknowledge and thank Mr. Steven Berry for his generous gifts of \$5,000.00 to the Northwestern Drama Club and \$2,000.00 to the SADD Club in memory of his daughter, Stephanie Rae Berry. Dr. Palmer stated how well this fits into our ongoing program of Rachel's Challenge.

MEMORIAL
DONATIONS
TO DRAMA
AND SADD CLUBS

MOTION by Mr. Torrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to approve the use/rental of the Northwestern Auditorium on June 23, 2011 and June 24, 2011 by Dance Concepts.

AUDITORIUM
USAGE/
RENTAL

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Director of Finance And Operations, Roger Newbury, to make budget transfers, as presented.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS

Discussion on the proposed 2011-2012 budget took place. Various topics were discussed, including questions about the phone system, legal fees, Board fees, postage/printing, automotive repairs, library book costs, secretarial subs, athletics and teacher mentors.

BUDGET
DISCUSSION

Ms. Sexton Read introduced and read the following Resolution:

BONDING
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2.1 MILLION REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.7 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, AUTHORIZING COMBINING INTO ONE ISSUE AND MAKING DETERMINATIONS WITH THE REFUNDING BONDS ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR THE INVESTMENT OF REFUNDING ESCROW AND ITS REINVESTMENT OVER ITS TERM" is hereby approved.

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Torrant, to waive the reading of the entitled resolution, incorporating its full text into the minutes of the meeting.
AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Torrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier.
NAY: None. Mrs. Sexton Read declared the motion carried.

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Torrant, that the resolution be adopted as introduced. AYE: Mr. Torrant, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Gauthier. NAY: None. Mrs. Sexton Read declared the motion carried.

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Torrant, and passed unanimously, to adopt Call of the Annual District Budget Meeting for Monday, May 2, 2011. The Board designated that the vote on the motion to adopt the budget would be by a "yes" or "no" vote on the optical scan machines in each of the member towns on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 with hours to be set by individual towns as established by state statute.

DIST. BDGT.
MEETING
5/2/11
REFERENDUM
5/3/11

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to adopt a budget in the amount of \$18,203,334.00 for the Annual District Meeting.
AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson (per telephone call at 8:16 p.m.). NAY: None. Motion passed.

ADOPT
BUDGET

MOTION: by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, to adopt the referendum question, "Shall the Regional School District No. 7 Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011 be accepted?" "Yes" vote is for approval, "No" vote is for disapproved. AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Jerram, Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Gauthier. NAY: None. Motion passed.

ADOPT
REFERENDUM
QUESTION

Motion by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to accept a letter of resignation by Diana Murelli, with regrets and best wishes.

D. MURELLI
RESIGNATION

PUBLIC: No comment.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p. m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye M. Sweeney, Board Clerk

Attachment: PDF File of Bonding Resolution