

Regional School District No.7
Board of Education Minutes
April 23, 2008

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Yard, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Griffey, Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools, Roger Newbury, Director of Finance and Operations, Student Representatives Averill Cantwell and Michael Welch.

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Thomson recognized two students who are interested in running for student BOE representative.

INTERESTED
BD. ST. REPS.

Chairman Thomson introduced Peter Burcat and Jeff Hunt representing Ecostream Corporation and SSP. They presented a proposal to generate electricity using solar roof panels. The company would install the system with no cost to the district and then the energy will be sold back to the District at a 20% discount on the current rate. This would be a 20 year contract with all maintenance to the system being provided through Ecostream. The company providing financing would be SSP OpCo, LLC and Ecostream would arrange the installation

SOLAR
ENERGY
ECOSTREAM
AND
SSP OpCo.

MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with SSP to install and finance a 500kw solar electrical generation system.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to accept the minutes of April 3, 2008.

MINUTES
4/3/08

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to accept the minutes of April 7, 2008.

MINUTES
4/7/08

MOTION by Mrs. Sexton Read, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to accept the minutes of the District Hearing held April 9, 2008.

HEARING MIN.
4/9/08

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to accept the minutes of April 9, 2008.

MINUTES
4/9/08

Averill Cantwell raised questions on the availability of computer labs for student use. Supt. Montgomery said he would take it up at the next administrative meeting. Michael Welch reported that the mock trail team had advanced to the next round of competition.

STUDENT REP.
REPORTS

Finance Director Newbury presented the monthly budget update and transfer requests. He said the budget looks on target at this point in time.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the transfers requested.

Supt. Montgomery updated Board on the continued work on an action plan to complete the separation of the Middle School from the High School. He informed the Board that there are ongoing efforts to look at the schedule with focus groups within the school. Supt. Montgomery said that interviews are taking place in hope of filling the Tech Education and English vacancies early in the spring. He also reported that staff continue to review the students who will be coming from Winsted in the fall. A tentative number should be available at next meeting. He also informed the BOE that the Alcoa grant, entitled City Neighborhoods, will be sending four teachers to New Orleans in June for training. Upon their return, they will work with students to develop potential solutions for problems facing local communities. He also said that he has been studying the situation with group homes within the District particularly in regard to non-nexus students. The State has agreed to limit the number of non-nexus students at each home. He went on to say that these students have integrated well into the school population, but there is a clear impact on the district's resources and services.

UPDATES

VACANCIES

CITY

NEIGHBOR-

HOOD GRANT

NO-NEXUS

STUDENTS

Finance Director Newbury updated BOE on the Gym Floor Replacement Project. He said the bids are out on the asbestos portion of the job and are scheduled for opening on Friday, April 25th. The results will be available by the next meeting.

GYM

FLOOR BIDS

The Board rescheduled the dedication of Little Theater to May 28th at 6:00 p.m. The theater will be named the Roberta S. Ohotnicky Theater.

LITTLE

THEATER

The Board Discussed the Mission Statement developed by a group of staff, administrators, students, parents and Board members. That discussion was favorable.

MISSION

STATEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Ms. Sexton Read, and passed unanimously, to accept the Mission Statement as presented.

MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Finance Director to enter into multi-year electrical energy purchase agreement.

ELECTRIC

ENERGY AGREEMENT

Motion by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to adopt the following as the question to be use in the referendum: "Shall the Regional School District No. 7 Budget commencing July 1, 2008 be accepted?"

REFERENDUM

QUESTION

Supt Montgomery noted the reception of a letter from Student Representative Welch and asked that discussion be tabled until the next meeting when administrators are present.

CORRES-

PONDENCE

Kari Banach, reporter for Republican American, asked if any members were aware of situations relative to graduating seniors that would be newsworthy. The administration will meet to identify appropriate students.

Motion by Ms. Sexton Read, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to go into executive session for the purpose of negotiations at 8:10 p.m. Present in Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Yard, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Griffey, Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools, Roger Newbury, Director of Finance and Operations,

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MOTION by Ms. Sexton Read, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

PUBLIC

Motion by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Ms. Sexton Read, and passed unanimously, to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Newbury
Director of Finance and Operations