

**Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
May 12, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Roger Newbury Library Media Center**

Present:

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| Mark Lanctot | Barkhamsted |
| Molly Sexton Read | Barkhamsted |
| Janice Dorazio | Colebrook |
| Theresa Kenneson | Colebrook |
| Daniel Jerram | New Hartford |
| Tara Yard | Norfolk |
| Don Tarrant | Norfolk |
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| Candy Perez | Middle School Principal |
| Wayne Conner | High School Principal |
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| Shelby Mainville | Student Representative |
| Lior Trestman | Student Representative |
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| Clint Montgomery | Superintendent of Schools |
| Roger Newbury | Director of Finance and Operations |

Absent:

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| Rob Jerram | New Hartford |
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| <u>DISCUSSION</u> | <u>ISSUE</u> |
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| Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. | CALL TO ORDER |
| Ms. Sexton Read thanked the students and teachers who participated in the exhibition of art, masonry and tech ed. projects as well as materials from the eCommerce Class. Ms. Cusati shared information regarding the students' participation in the recent competition regarding eCommerce projects. She displayed the award that the NWR7 students won at the competition. | PUBLIC PORTION |
| MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2010 meeting as presented. | MINUTES April 19, 2010 |
| Shelby Mainville discussed senior class activities with a focus on the Financial Reality Fair and the activities of the Banking class. She also reviewed upcoming senior end of the year activities. Lior Trestman reported that the Junior prom was quite successful. He reported on the activities of the Student Senate. He also reported on the Celebration of the Solar Project Start-Up and the enthusiasm generated by a greater awareness in the school of the project. | STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS |
| Ms. Perez provided a report on the middle school. She reported that she is finalizing the class schedule for the middle school that adjusts to the changes in staffing due to layoffs. Ms. Perez also reported on the end of the year middle school events that have been planned. Mr. Conner reminded the BOE members that the June meeting will include a reception for the top ten seniors along with the two students honored by CABE for Student Leadership awards. | REPORTS PRINCIPALS |
| Mr. Montgomery provided information on the following topics: 1. Mr. Montgomery indicated that the policy manual was approximately 90% complete and that he will be meeting with Nancy Dyer, who is assisting with this project, to finish the last two sections of the manual. 2. The Solar Project: Mr. Montgomery reported that the ceremony for the official start-up of the Solar Project was successful and that the district website has links to the video clips from Channel 3. He stated that the television in the lobby was turned on and provides information on the real time output of the system. The link to the solar website is also on | SUPERINTENDENT REPORT |

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| <p>the district website.</p> <p>3. Mr. Montgomery also reported that advertising and recruiting has been initiated for those new staff who will replace retiring or resigning staff.</p> | |
| <p>Mr. Newbury provided a short financial report with minor transfers. He indicated that projections indicate that the district should finish the year without any difficulties although additional transfers will be necessary.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. D. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to accept the budget transfers as presented.</p> | <p>REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</p> |
| <p>Ms. Sexton Read distributed a CABE plan for the evaluation of the superintendent and asked that BOE members review this document possible use in the future.</p> <p>Mr. Montgomery provided an update on the International Student Project. He indicated that he recently met with Tim Martin from Simsbury who is very interested in collaborating with the district in the recruitment of students from China for the project. Mr. Martin’s proposal was that, while the high school would educate the students under an F-1 visa, he would be responsible for identifying possible candidates and also arranging and supervising all aspects of their lives outside of school. He is currently seeking housing in the town of Norfolk. These students would attend the high school for one year and their tuition would be paid by their parents or guardians. Mr. Montgomery indicated that since the students would only be able to stay at the high school for one year, it would be appropriate to begin the project with Mr. Martin with seniors or post graduate students. Mr. Montgomery indicated that all aspects of this arrangement have been discussed with the district’s attorney.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to raise the number of international students to 25.</p> | <p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>UPDATES</p> |
| <p>Mr. Newbury presented information to the BOE members regarding end of the year and summer issues related to the budget and the hiring process. He asked for approval for each of the issues presented to the BOE.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, not to participate in the State of Connecticut Healthy Food Certification Program (Addendum to ED-099).</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, and passed unanimously, to appoint Robert E. King & Co. as auditors of the records and books of Regional School District No. 7 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Finance Director or Superintendent to make end-of-the-year adjustments within the 2009-2010 budget limits.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Finance Director or Superintendent to borrow up to \$300,000 in anticipation of receipts for the budget year 2010-2011.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Superintendent to fill vacancies already approved by the Board of Education.</p> | <p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>CT HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION</p> <p>ROBERT KING APPOINTED AS AUDITOR</p> <p>END-OF-YEAR ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN BUDGET</p> <p>BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF RECEIPTS</p> <p>AUTHORIZATION TO FILL VACANCIES</p> |

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| <p>There was additional discussion regarding the start time for upcoming BOE meetings and the second BOE meeting in May.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to cancel the second meeting in May 2010 (May 26).</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to start Board of Education meetings at 6:00 p.m. until the Annual Organizational meeting in December 2010. Time of meetings will be re-evaluated at that time.</p> | <p>CANCEL 5/26 MTG</p> <p>6 PM START TO MEETINGS TO CONTINUE</p> |
| <p>None</p> | <p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> |
| <p>Questions were addressed to the administration and the BOE regarding the International Student Project and the number of Chinese students who could potentially attend the high school.</p> | <p>OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS</p> |
| <p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations and contractual issues. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Tarrant, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mr. D. Jerram, Mrs. Dorazio (6:30 p.m.), Mr. Lanctot (6:35 p.m.), Superintendent Montgomery and Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.</p> | <p>EXECUTIVE SESSION Negotiations</p> |
| <p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.</p> | <p>RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION</p> |
| <p>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.</p> | <p>ADJOURNMENT</p> |

Respectfully Submitted,



Clint Montgomery, Superintendent

