

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2011

APPROVED 7/13/2011

PRESENT: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, Middle School Principal Perez, High School Principal Chichester, Student Representatives Lior Trestman and Lindsay Humphrey.

A ceremony was held to honor the top ten students and the CABA Leadership Awardees. High School Principal Chichester introduced each student and read a brief review of each of the students accomplishments during their high school years at Northwestern. Each student was given a certificate and congratulated by the Board of Education members. An alphabetical listing of students honored follows: Catherine Beaudoin, Lindsay Dezi, Samuel Hess, Amanda Lee, Kelly Morrissey, Lauren Silverio, Kyle Smith, Emily Tassinari, Melissa Traub and Olivia Vitali. Additionally, two students (Ashley Sullivan and Lior Trestman) received the CABA Leadership Awards as chosen by the high school administration. Ms. Sexton Read congratulated the students and parents for their hard work and commitment to education and the community.

TOP TEN
STUDENT
AND CABA
LEADERSHIP
AWARDS
RECEPTION

Mr. Steve Berry was introduced by Ms. Sexton Read and presented with a plaque for his most gracious monetary donations to the Northwestern Theater Group and the SADD Club in memory/honor of his daughter, Stephanie Berry.

S. BERRY
DONATION

The Board of Education meeting was called to order by Ms. Sexton Read at 7:02 p.m.

CALL TO
ORDER

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to approve the minutes of May 11, 2011. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Kenneson. NAY: None. Motion passed.

MINUTES
05/11/2011

Student Representative Lior Trestman reported on various senior activities as they prepare for graduation on June 20, 2011.

STUDENT REP
REPORTS

Student Representative Lindsay Humphrey reported that class student elections have taken place for the next school year. The Junior Class raised \$700.00 from their giant tag sale in New Hartford. Their class has raised a total of \$3,000.00 this year through fundraising.

Middle School Principal Perez gave an update on Middle School Guidance. Schedules have been developed and are input for the following school year. The Principal awards ceremony took place on June 6, 2011. Faculty Awards will be held on June 21, 2011. The Foothills Ballet presented a dance program for the 7th Grade last week which included music and dance from around the world.

MIDDLE SCH.
PRINCIPAL
REPORT

High School Principal Chichester reported the Senior Prom was a success. The High School awards ceremony was held on May 19, 2011. The Guidance staffs are completing next school years schedules. Final exams start June 14, 2011. Graduation is all set for June 20, 2011 at the Warner Theater, followed by Project Graduation for the Senior Class.

HIGH SCH.
PRINCIPAL
REPORT

Superintendent Palmer wished to thank Mr. Chichester, Ms. Perez, Mr. Newbury, and Mrs. DePaoli for all the work they have accomplished this year. She expressed her appreciation for tremendous qualities they have. Dr. Palmer stated how impressed she was with Northwestern, the staff, students, and the Board of Education.

SUPT.
REPORT

Dr. Palmer presented a short video from OPTIWIND on site at Klug Farm. Review of the Student Exchange Program is ongoing. The Ag/Ed Department completed their State compliance review. Members of the committee toured the facility and reviewed the program. Dr. Palmer stated all went well and was very pleased with the staff and students. Teacher evaluations continue and the Board of Education and/or Superintendent Goals will be worked on. The Superintendent's June newsletter is available on the schools website.

Director of Finance and Operations Newbury presented a letter for capital improvement for a motion and signatures as described.

CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT
BORROWING

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to accept the letter as presented.

Resolve that Molly Sexton Read, Board Chairperson and Don Tarrant, Secretary/Treasurer are empowered to sign on behalf of the Regional School District #7 Board of Education any and all documents with Northwest Community Bank of Winsted, Connecticut relating to the borrowing of two million fifty thousand dollars (\$2,050,000) for District capital improvements. (See letter attached). AYE: Mrs. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier. NAY: None. Motion passed.

Mr. Newbury reviewed and updated the Board concerning the oil tank replacement.

OIL TANK

Mrs. Dorazio reported on the Regionalization Committee. She stated the final report is ready to be compiled and is due in October 2011.

REGIONALI-
ZATION CMTE

Ms. Sexton Read asked the Administration to investigate how students are identified as gifted and talented and what services are they being offered, according to the Strategic Profiles. Dr. Palmer stated she will look into it and report back to the Board of Education.

STRATEGIC
PROFILES

Director of Finance and Operations Newbury reviewed a resolution deal with lease financing for 2011-2012 capital improvements.

RESOLUTION
ON LEASE
FINANCING

Ms. Sexton Read introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the resolution entitled: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OF 2011-2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF LEASE FINANCING PROCEEDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 FOR SAID CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS" is hereby approved.

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to waive the reading of the entitled resolution, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting.

AYE: Mrs. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier. NAY: None. Motion passed.

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, that the resolution be adopted as introduced. AYE: Mrs. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier. NAY: None. Motion passed.

MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to accept the revision to Policy #5114 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process. AYE: Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio. NAY: None. Motion passed.

POLICY #5114
SUSPENSION &
EXPULSION

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to approve a childbearing/childrearing leave in accordance with FMLA Regulations and the teacher's contract for Jessica Hinman. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier. NAY: None. Motion Passed.

J. HINMAN
LEAVE

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations and discussion on Student Discipline. AYE: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot. NAY: None. Motion passed. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Gauthier.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to come out of Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. AYE: Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Sexton Read. NAY: None. Motion passed.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to authorize the Chair to sign a three-year contract with Judy Palmer, Superintendent, as presented. AYE: Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Gauthier. NAY: None. Motion passed.

SUPT.
CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to accept the stipulated agreement on the disciplinary action with student NB as presented by the Superintendent. AYE: Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier. NAY: None. Motion passed.

STUDENT
DISCIPLINARY
ACTION

MOTION by Mr. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. AYE: Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Sexton Read. NAY: None. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye M. Sweeney, Board Clerk

Attachment:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OF
2001-2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE
EXPENDITURE OF LEASE FINANCING PROCEEDS IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 FOR SAID CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS

Whereas the Regional School District No. 7 Board of Education (the "Board" or "District") requires capital improvements for Board facilities and student use, respectively (the "Improvements");

Whereas Board intends to lease the Improvements with an option to purchase and not incur debt therefore, the Improvements to be located at such locations and as may be approved by the Board;

Whereas the lease financing will provide that the Board is to make rental payments subject to annual appropriation in each year;

Whereas it is the intent of the Board to approve and implement the lease and approve the expenditure of funds therefore and the transactions contemplated thereby, including entering into a Lease with a Lessor to be approved by the Board (the "Lessor");

Whereas the amount to be expended for the Improvements is \$300,000, including state and federal grants, if any;

Whereas the Board will be responsible, subject to appropriation, for appropriating from its budget the amounts necessary to make rental payments each year;

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board:

Section 1. The sum of \$200,000 is hereby approved for expenditure from funds made available from the Lessor for the planning, acquisition and installation of: tank replacement, chiller replacement, new sump pump, heating system air compressor/dryer; irrigation system upgrade, smart board purchase, the number, location cost and priority for acquisition of which shall be determined by the Board from time to time, and including installation, consultants, engineers, testing, training legal administrative and financing costs to the extent paid herefrom. Said appropriation shall be inclusive of state and federal grants in aide thereof.

Section 2. To meet said additional expenditure, \$300,000 of lease financing is authorized to be entered into pursuant to a lease purchase agreement, or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purpose after deducting state and federal grants. The Director of Finance and Operations is authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the District a lease purchase agreement with the advice of counsel, provided that the lease payments shall be subject to annual appropriation of the District. In the event of non appropriation by the Board, the lease shall terminate as well as the District's right to use and possess the Improvements. Said lease may provide for the ownership, conditional or otherwise, by the District of the Improvements upon the expiration of the lease term or pending payment of all rental payments, payment of taxes as additional rental payments, conveyance of security interests to secure the interests of the Lessor, the allocation of each rental payment as principal and interest, the establishment of an escrow from which the District officials will direct the expenditure of funds to acquire the Improvements, and the payment of rebate in connection therewith, and such other provisions as appropriate and customary in such transactions.

The Director of Finance and Operations is authorized and directed to determine lease payment schedules and interest rate component, including substantially level payments or level principal payments and execute and deliver such other papers, instruments, opinions, certificates, affidavits, representations, land record recordings and other documents, and determine the details and particulars of the lease and related documents, as necessary or proper to carry out this resolution and acquire the Improvements through lease purchase on behalf of the District, provided the lease term shall not exceed ten years.

The Director of Finance and Operations on behalf of the District is authorized to accept and cause to be expended the proceeds derived from the lease agreement for the purposes stated herein.

Section 3. The Director of Finance and Operations is hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of the Lessor or its assignees to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to nationally recognized municipal securities information repositories or state based information repositories (the "Repositories") and to provide notices to the Repositories of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the Lease Agreement authorized by this resolution, and to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code in order to maintain the interest component of the rental payment exempt from federal income taxation.

Section 4. The District (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid prior to the date of passage of this Resolution, and thereafter, in the maximum amount and for the capital project defined above with lease financing proceeds or other obligations ("Obligations") authorized to be issued the by Issuer. The Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Director of Finance and Operations or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith from available funds of the Issuer pending the issuance of reimbursement obligations, and to amend this resolution.