

**Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
June 10, 2009
Roger Newbury Media center**

Present:

Molly Sexton Read	Barkhamsted
Janice Dorazio	Colebrook
Tara Yard	Norfolk
Schuyler Thomson	Norfolk
John Griffey	New Hartford
Daniel Jerram	New Hartford

AMENDED AND APPROVED
July 8, 2009

Averill Cantwell	Student Representative/Honored Student at Ceremony
Shelby Mainville	Student Representative

Clint Montgomery	Superintendent of Schools
Roger Newbury	Director of Finance and Operations

Wayne Conner	High School Principal
Candy Perez	Middle School Principal

Absent:

Mark Lanctot	Barkhamsted
Theresa Kenneson	Colebrook

<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
Ms. Sexton Read opened the Senior Awards Ceremony with an introduction regarding the variety of strengths represented by the students honored at the meeting. Mr. Conner read the school biographies for the top ten students, and they were presented with a certificate by Ms. Sexton Read. The students receiving the Superintendent's Recognition Award, the CABE awards, and the student who received the ROTC scholarship were also honored. A reception followed the ceremony and included the high school flute quartet.	CEREMONY AND RECEPTION FOR SENIOR STUDENTS
Ms. Sexton Read called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
Ms. Sexton Read opened the Public Portion with a statement that the Board of Education welcomed comments from the public, including students, as long as they did not name or address a particular staff member. Ms. Sexton Read stated that the Athletic Director position was advertised both inside and outside of the school, five candidates (outside of the school system) interviewed, and the position has been offered to one individual. The BOE is waiting for a decision by this individual based on the limitation of coaching one sport per season. The Public Portion of the meeting addressed the issue of the decision by the BOE to limit the Athletic Director position to coaching one sport per year. Three student soccer players addressed the BOE and presented a petition requesting that Mr. Williams be allowed to continue coaching soccer should he become the Athletic Director. Other parents, coaches, and staff expressed concern regarding the loss of the current soccer coach. Several members requested that the new Athletic Director be allowed to coach two sports and requested rationale for the BOE's decision. The BOE members indicated that the Athletic Director's position has been through a series of changes over the last several years but that the BOE has consistently believed that the Athletic Director can best oversee all sports if he/she is coaching only one sport. The BOE acknowledged that there are many different models in the state for this position but that the best compromise to meet the needs of NWR7 is an Athletic Director with the requirement of a limit to one coaching assignment.	PUBLIC PORTION

<p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of May 13, 2009 as corrected.</p>	<p>MINUTES 5/13/09</p>
<p>Mr. Montgomery provided an introduction to the presentation, stating that this is the first full year of operation based on the new teachers’ contract that included additional time for staff to work together to review, analyze, and make decisions based on instructional data.</p> <p>Mr. Chichester and Ms. Perez provided an in-depth view of the history and rationale leading up to the decision to employ data teams in both the middle and high schools. They used a PowerPoint presentation and a video clip example of a data team to discuss the successes, limitations, challenges and goals related to the use of data teams. They indicated that the administrative team also acts as its own data team in analyzing the overall progress and fidelity of the department and instructional teams’ use of this model. Ms. Perez and Mr. Chichester emphasized that the focus of the data teams was on the continual improvement in instruction for increasing student achievement.</p>	<p>REPORTS DATA TEAMS</p>
<p>Shelby Mainville provided a report on the eleventh grade end of the year activities. She reported that the banking program finished the year on May 29th after a very successful year.</p>	<p>REPORTS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES</p>
<p>Ms. Perez provided a report on the end of the year events of the middle school. She stated that she received consistently positive reports on the middle school students’ behavior at various out-of-school activities. Ms. Perez also reported on the final activities associated with the transition of the sixth grade students to the middle school.</p> <p>Mr. Conner started his report by introducing the new student representative, Lior Trestman. Mr. Conner provided a summary of the ending high school activities including the preparation for the high school graduation on the 19th. Mr. Conner reported that the CIAC had approved the cooperative football program between Gilbert High School and Northwestern Regional High School. Mr. Jerram requested that Mr. Conner provide information about the current cost per student for participation in this program (\$300) per student.</p>	<p>REPORTS PRINCIPALS</p>
<p>Mr. Montgomery reported on the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The status of the policy and procedure manual and time line for completion. Mr. Montgomery reported that the third phase of the reorganization and review of the policy and procedure manual had been initiated with the help of Nancy Dyer. It is expected that the manual will be prepared by the fall. 2. Solar Project. Mr. Montgomery stated that the groSolar group is working with a roofing contractor to make repairs to the roof prior to the installation of the solar panels. The roof repairs became apparent during the inspection of the roof for the panels and they will need to be completed as part of regular maintenance. The current time line calls for the repairs to be completed in July and the panels installed in late August. 3. Optiwind proposal. Mr. Hurwitt stated has reported that NWR7 has been selected as a Beta site for a 300 k watt wind turbine at no cost to the district. Mr. Hurwitt from Optiwind has determined an appropriate location for a wind turbine. He would like to make a presentation to the BOE at the upcoming meeting and seek BOE approval for continued exploration of the project. A public hearing is planned for July 25th in Barkhamsted to seek public input regarding the project. 4. Monday Mentoring program. Mr. Montgomery reported on a peer mentoring program that has been established by Ms. Eileen Parisi who is the special education teacher hired to administer the Intensive 	<p>REPORTS SUPERINTENDENT</p>

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<p>Learning Program. This program will be expanded next year and the students are very enthusiastic, working with younger students on Monday afternoons. It was suggested that Ms. Parisi be invited to an upcoming BOE meeting.</p> <p>5. Substance Abuse Survey Results. Mr. Montgomery reported that the results of the survey are being tabulated and reviewed by the administration and a report will be forthcoming for the BOE.</p> <p>6. Swine Influenza. Mr. Montgomery reported that a meeting is scheduled with the school nurses and the school medical advisor to discuss the development of a plan for the fall should the flu return with a stronger virus and impact the student body and school schedule.</p>	
<p>Mr. Newbury provided a brief finance report and described where transfers were necessary.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to authorize prior to July 1, 2009, the placement of orders for goods and services from the 2009-2010 budget as approved.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Griffey, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to accept the budget transfers as presented.</p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>UPDATES</p>
<p>There was a brief discussion regarding the technology plan. Mr. Newbury indicated that the budget in the plan reflected the current funds in the upcoming budget.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to accept the Technology Plan for July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>TECHNOLOGY PLAN</p>
<p>Motion by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Ms. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to cancel the June 24, 2009 Board of Education meeting.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>SECOND MEETING IN JUNE 2009</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>PUBLIC</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton-Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Dorazio, Superintendent Montgomery, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 10:58 p.m.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>
<p>Although there were no motions taken after returning to the regular session, the BOE members reached a consensus to make the following statement:</p> <p>The Board of Education maintains it's current stated position regarding the Athletic Director's position and supports the job description and posting with its current understanding.</p>	<p>RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION</p> <p>ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

CA Montgomery

Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools