

**Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
July 8, 2009
Newbury Library Media Center**

Present:

Mark Lanctot	Barkhamsted
Molly Sexton Read	Barkhamsted
Janice Dorazio	Colebrook
Theresa Kenneson	Colebrook
Daniel Jerram	New Hartford
Tara Yard	Norfolk
Don Tarrant	Norfolk

APPROVED
8/26/09

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

Absent:

John Griffey	New Hartford
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<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
Ms. Sexton Read indicated that she has received letters from Colebrook and Norfolk regarding the assurance that Theresa Kenneson and Don Tarrant have both completed the oath of office and been sworn in to participate as voting members of the Board of Education.	ASSURANCE OF OATH
None	PUBLIC
MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2009, as corrected (Page 2, Principals' Reports – Last sentence: add the words “(\$300) per student.” Aye: Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Yard, Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram. Nay: None. Abstention: Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Tarrant.	MINUTES June 10, 2009
Mr. Montgomery introduced Mr. Russ Marvin and Mr. David Hurwitt, representatives from the Optiwind Company for the purpose of making a presentation regarding a proposal for a wind turbine to be located on the grounds of NWR7. Mr. Marvin and Mr. Hurwitt presented information regarding the Optiwind company and the details of the proposal. Optiwind has offered to place a 300 k watt wind turbine at NWR7 at no cost to the district for the purposes of generating electricity for the school. Their proposal calls for ownership to remain with Optiwind and for NWR7 to pay for electricity at a reduced rate through a purchase power agreement. They answered questions regarding the placement, safety, construction and time line of the project. They indicated that they have scheduled a public hearing for July 23, 2009 at Barkhamsted. They requested that the Board of Education consider this proposal and consent to signing a non-binding letter of intent so that further engineering and design work could continue. MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, and passed unanimously, to authorize the chairperson to sign a letter of intent with Optiwind subject to legal counsel's approval and the inclusion of the stipulation that the letter is non-binding.	REPORTS OPTIWIND
Mr. Montgomery provided information on the following topics: 1. H1N1 Flu: Mr. Montgomery indicated that the superintendents from the region held a meeting this morning to discuss a coordinated approach toward communicating information and establishing procedures related to the H1N1 Swine flu season. A second meeting has been arranged with the various representatives from the districts as well as the medical advisor and the Farmington and Torrington Health Districts to consider the development of a coordinated plan around this issue.	REPORTS SUPERINTENDENT

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<p>2. groSolar: Mr. Montgomery stated that the roof repairs will need to be completed prior to the installation of the panels. A scan for areas of the roof that require repair has been scheduled for this Thursday night. In response to questions regarding the time line for the project, Mr. Montgomery stated that it is anticipated that the panels will be installed in late August.</p> <p>3. Graduation follow-up: The Board of Education members discussed the recent graduation and the positive and negative points associated with the Warner Theater. Most comments from parents and others have been positive. Mr. Montgomery stated that the survey used last year will be repeated to collect feedback from parents and graduates and the information shared with the Board of Education so that they can make a decision regarding the venue for the coming year.</p> <p>4. Hiring Report: Mr. Montgomery stated that Mr. Louisket Edmond has been hired as a .8 World Language teacher for French and Spanish. He provided information about his background but also indicated that his employment is pending appropriate certification in the areas required by the district. Mr. Montgomery also stated that Mr. Fred Williams has been hired as the Athletic Advisor and Rachel Albino has been hired to replace him as the girls' soccer coach.</p>	
<p>Mr. Newbury provided a brief update regarding the current budget and capital projects to be addressed this summer. He indicated that he has made arrangements for the resurfacing of the gym floor to start the last week in July when summer school has been completed.</p>	<p>REPORTS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</p>
<p>Ms. Sexton Read informed the BOE that Don Stein, the Selectman from Barkhamsted, has indicated that the new owner of the farm land adjacent to the school has expressed interest in communicating with representatives from Region 7. Ms. Sexton Read indicated that, unless there was objection from the board, that she and Mr. Montgomery would arrange a meeting with the new owner (Jeff Scott) in the near future.</p> <p>There was also a brief discussion regarding modifying and improving the appearance of the sign at the bottom of the hill.</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS UPDATES</p>
<p>Second meeting in July 2009: A review of the bylaws indicated that there is no second July meeting required or noted and therefore, it was not necessary to make a motion to cancel the meeting.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>
<p>Ms. Sexton Read a note from Louise Van Alstyne to the BOE thanking them for the gift provided at the retirement luncheon.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>
<p>N/A</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 8:19 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent's evaluation and negotiations. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Superintendent Montgomery, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> <p>RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully Submitted

Clint Montgomery

Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools