

Regional School District No. 7  
Board of Education  
July 11, 2007

PRESENT: Board Chairman Mr. Thomson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Student Representatives Michael Welch, Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Newbury, Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools, Visitor: David Hutler, Torrington Register Citizen Reporter

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thomson announced the swearing in of Mrs. Yard in Norfolk and Mrs. Sweeney in Colebrook to the Region 7 BOE for another term.

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Gregor, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of June 13, 2007.

MINUTES 6/13/07

Mr. Thomson said that at this time of year the Principals do not have much to report, and at the suggestion of the new Superintendent and the agreement of the BOE members, the Principals only be required to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month.

PRINCIPALS'  
REPORT

Superintendent Montgomery reported that Rachel Schaefer will replace Chris Scott as the Technology Education Teacher, and Keith A. Winegar will replace Gordon Ross as the .8 Social Studies Teacher.

HIRING REPORT

Superintendent Montgomery reported that the current open positions are 1.0 Tech Ed Teacher, 1.0 School Nurse, and Part-Time Secretary at the Middle School.

Mr. Newbury conducted a discussion of the second reading of the Grade 7 Social Studies Textbooks.

OLD BUSINESS  
TEXTBOOKS

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to approve the purchase of the proposed Grade 7 Social Studies Textbooks: Africa; The Americas; South and East Asia and the Pacific, by Christopher L. Salter.

Mr. Thomson reported that there was no news on the purchase of land and that he is awaiting contact from the new lawyer.

UPDATES

Mr. Jerram reported a lengthy discussion with Mrs. Kenneson about the updated emergency procedures in the manual done by Candy.

Superintendent Montgomery reported hiring Paula Morovito as the new Director at Shared Services.

Superintendent Montgomery reported that he would meet with Mr. Jerram and Mrs. Yard regarding Special Education Tuition costs.

Mr. Newbury reported the damage to the gym floor is in the process of being repaired by a company hired by the districts insurance company. Basketball camp is not affected by the repair work.

Mr. Newbury reported that the district received a letter from Jean Seymour of the bus company explaining that there would be no charge for the services rendered on graduation. The district also received a letter from Dattco explaining that there would be no charge for the services rendered for Project Graduation. It was requested at the meeting that a letter be sent to both bus companies thanking them for their generosity.

Mr. Newbury reported that the tennis court renovation will begin on 7/13/07.

Mr. Newbury reported that the new boilers are in and will be installed soon.

Mr. Newbury reported that the renovation in the guidance offices are being done by Region 7 staff, with the exception of the electrical work.

Mr. Newbury reported that the completion date of the science room remodeling is undetermined, but will most likely not be before the start of school.

Mr. Newbury reported that Region 7 is part of an electricity savings program, which means that if they are asked to cut their use on a given day, the district will save an undetermined amount of money. He noted that they will be asked at least once per year.

Mr. Newbury presented the first reading of two new textbooks: Environmental Science – Working with the Earth, by G. Tyler Miller for Grades 11 and 12 Environmental Technology and Biology, by K. Miller and J. Levine for Grade 10 Biology C.

NEW BUSINESS  
FIRST READING

Mr. Thomson reported that Cheryl organized the list of policies by date. He said that the oldest ones will be reviewed first, as well as very important ones. He proposed that 2-3 policies will be reviewed and updated as needed per month. These will be presented at the following meeting.

POLICY REVIEW

Mr. Thomson explained the procedure for the Board Self-Evaluations and handed out the last two years procedure for review and comment. He will look for input from the Board Members at the August meeting.

BOARD SELF-EVAL

Without objection the following items were added to the agenda by Mr. Thomson:

ADDED TO  
AGENDA

1. Gathering with Mr. Montgomery: A discussion about an informal gathering with Mr. Montgomery this summer to talk about his philosophy of education. The tentative date is set for July 24, 2007 at 6:00p.m. at the High School.

2. Hartland Tuition: Mr. Montgomery requested that the Board Members discuss the basis on which they changed their tuition in an effort to modify/mend their relationship with Hartland. Mr. Montgomery will communicate with Hartland that the Board is willing to discuss the issue.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to accept the resignation of Chris Scott.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Gregor requested help from other Board Members with the wording of the dedication plaque for Ms. Ohotnicky.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Register Citizen, David Hutler requested the name and title of Mr. Jerram. He also wanted clarification on the subject of the Hartland tuition and what other towns students come from to attend Region 7.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mr. Gregor, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. Present in Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Gregor, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Newbury Superintendent Mr. Montgomery.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Jerram and passed unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:35 PM.

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously to accept the school secretarial contract as negotiated.

SECRETARIAL  
CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Tera B. Dunn