

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education
August 22, 2007

PRESENT: Board Chairman Mr. Thomson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gregor, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Griffey
Student Representatives Michael Welch and Meghan McCoy, Clint Montgomery-Superintendent of Schools,
Visitor: Shelley Lloyd of New Hartford

Chairman Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thomson announced the resignation of Kaye Sweeney from the BOE.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to
approve the minutes of July 11, 2007 with said corrections. Mr. Griffey abstained.
Correction: Mr. Griffey was deleted from the list of names present in Executive Session.

MINUTES 7/11/07

Mr. Thomson reports that there is no Principal report at this time.

PRINCIPALS'
REPORT

Superintendent Montgomery reported that Philip Gatcomb will replace David
Bopp as the Technology Education Teacher. Kaye Sweeney will fill the new School
Nurse II position. Dianne Brown will fill the new part-time Middle School Secretary position.
Cynthia Ober will replace Marlene Golembeski as the Laboratory Technician (Science- HS and MS)

HIRING REPORT

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Gregor, and passed unanimously,
to approve the purchase of the proposed textbook for Grades 11 & 12 Environmental
Technology- Environmental Science – Working with the Earth by G. Tyler Miller.

OLD BUSINESS
TEXTBOOKS

Mr. Thomson reported that there was no news on the purchase of land.

UPDATES

Superintendent Montgomery reported that the memorial service for Walt Landgraf was well attended
and reflected positively on Region 7.

Superintendent Montgomery reported that the CMT scores are in, and are now available for
public review. However, the State Dept. of Education has placed an embargo on CAPT
scores until August 28th. The Principals will report on the scores at the September 12th meeting.

Superintendent Montgomery reported that there have been recent changes in legislation regarding
suspension of students. More detail about the changes will be published and distributed at a later date.
He also said that a team of people from the community, including the Development of Juvenile Review
Board, has been working to improve alternatives for students involved in the court system.

Superintendent Montgomery reported that Region 7 is in compliance with the requirements made by
the NCLB Act and that there are new requirements that he will share with the Board at a later date.

Superintendent Montgomery reported on the State Dept. of Education AdHoc Committee on
Secondary School Improvement. An example of a possible new component that was discussed, was the
use of Personal Education Programs for all regular education high school students.

Superintendent Montgomery reported that gym floor is still in the process of being dried.

Mr. Thomson requested that someone volunteer to lead the policy review committee in lieu of Mrs. Sweeney, who resigned from the board. Currently on the committee are Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, and Mr. Thomson.

Without objection, Board Self-Evaluation (5.4) was moved and discussed later in the meeting.

The meeting with Mr. Montgomery regarding future goals for Northwest Regional has been re-scheduled for September 12, 2007 at 5:00 in the Library.

Members of the Board have been asked to meet with the First Selectman and the Board of Finance Chair of their respective towns to discuss any guidelines they have for future planning of the budget and negotiations. BOE members are to report back at the next board meeting, Sept. 12. The abovementioned officials will be invited to the September 26th BOE meeting for comment and discussion. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by J. Griffey, seconded by M. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to revise the authorized signers of the ED-099 agreement for child nutrition programs and to designate Mr. Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of schools, to sign the agreement and to sign claim forms for reimbursement and in his absence or incapacity, Mr. Roger W. Newbury is designated to sign claims for reimbursement.

Superintendent Montgomery presented a new Global History textbook for a first reading. Grades 9 and 10: Foundations of the Modern World, by M. Willner, G. Hero, and J. Weiner. ADDED TO
AGENDA:
FIRST READING

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and denied by majority to accept Mr. Montgomery's recommendation for the extended maternity leave requested by Andrea Ashe. CORRESPONDENCE
Aye: Mrs. Yard (.55), Mrs. Kenneson (.45), Mr. Thomson (.55)
Not: Mr. Gregor (1.10), Mr. Griffey (1.90)
Abstained: Mr. Lanctot

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously to accept the letter of resignation from Marlene Golembeski.

Mr. Thomson informed the Board of Mrs. Sweeney's letter of resignation from the BOE. No motion to accept is required.

Mr. Gregor requested an update on the tuition adjustments for Hartland, which is scheduled to be discussed at the next meeting FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS

Mrs. Yard requested a list of committees and their members.

Ms. Shelley Lloyd of New Hartford voiced her opinion of the Board's decisions regarding requests for extended maternity leave. PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. Present in Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Gregor, EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Superintendent Mr. Montgomery.

Motion by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, to come out of executive session at 9:00 p.m.

The BOE Self-Evaluation questions were reviewed and rated. Mr. Thomson will respond with a brief written report that encompasses the survey results.

SELF-EVAL

MOTION by Mr. Gregor, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to approve the purchase of the new textbook for Grades 9 and 10: Global History – Foundation of the Modern World, by M. Willner, G. Hero, J. Weiner.

TEXTBOOKS

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Tera B. Dunn