

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 24, 2011

APPROVED 9/14/2011

PRESENT: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, MS Principal Perez, HS Principal Chichester.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sexton Read at 6:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sexton Read recognized and thanked Mrs. Tara Yard, Norfolk BOE Representative, for her long years of dedication to Regional School District No. 7 and the Board of Education. Ms. Sexton Read stated Mrs. Yard had a true voice of compassion and caring. She will be missed.

BOE MEMBER
RECOGNITION

Ms. Sexton Read introduced Mrs. Deborah Bell. Mrs. Bell is the new Board of Education member representing Norfolk. Assurance was given that Mrs. Bell took the oath of office.

NORFOLK BOE
REP

MOTION by Ms. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2011 meeting. AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jerram. Nay: None. Motion passed.

MINUTES
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Middle School Principal Perez reported that as of August 24, 2011, the Middle School enrollment is 380 students; 197 are seventh graders. CMT scores were reviewed and results may be found on the middle school web site. Ms. Perez presented a power point presentation to the Board.

MS PRINCIPAL
REPORT

High School Principal Chichester reported a very busy and productive summer. He presented the Board with a packet of information on the results of the CAPT scores and the AP test scores. Results may be obtained on the Northwestern website. He stated the high school staff is developing strategies to improve Reading. Mr. Chichester reported that the Class of 2011 applied to 225 colleges from the East Coast to California. A complete list was presented to the Board. He reported on the High School Partnership Program with the Community College and the articulated courses. Currently there are six students involved in the Partnership Program and forty-five students in the Articulating Program. A Student Advisory group will be starting in December 2011 and the Parent Advisory group will continue in September 2011.

HS PRINCIPAL
REPORT

Superintendent Palmer reported on the school staffing and orientation that was held August 24, 2011 for all new teachers. Two Chinese students will be returning this school year and she is looking into other programs for future endeavors. Dr. Palmer updated the BOE on the ongoing progress of Optiwind. A pilot program is being looked into for technology; bring your own device to school. The Gilbert/Northwest Football co-op team continues with a large number of students participating from Northwestern.

SUPERINTEN-
DENT
REPORT

Director of Finance and Operations Newbury reviewed summer projects being completed. The oil tank has been replaced and awaiting inspection for completion. Sidewalks in front of the school have been repaired as well as the driveway. Upkeep and cleaning of the interior of the school continues. Lights are being installed near the flag pole for illumination.

DIR. FINANCE
AND
OPERATIONS

Ms. Sexton Read reminded the Board members of the CABE/CAPPS Convention in November.

CABE/CAPPS
CONVENTION

Superintendent Palmer presented Policies #0521 – Nondiscrimination and #4117.4 – Non-Renewal/Suspension.

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve Policy # 0521 –Nondiscrimination. AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jerram. Nay: None. Abstention: Mr. Gauthier. Motion passed.

POLICY # 0521
NON-DISCRIMINATION

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve Policy # 4117.4 – Non Renewal/Suspension. AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jerram. Nay: None. Abstention: Mr. Gauthier. Motion passed.

POLICY #4117.4
NON RENEWAL/
SUSPENSION

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Bell to approve a child bearing/child rearing leave in accordance with FMLA regulations and the teachers' contract for Robin Waring. AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jerram. Nay: None. Motion passed.

R. WARING
LETTER

Mr. Greg Cantwell, representing the Highlander Fund, updated the Board on the program and wished to encourage people to assist and volunteer. He also stated that he was looking into having student representatives.

HIGHLANDER
FUND

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations. AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jerram. Nay: None. Motion passed. Present in Executive Session: Mrs. Dorazio, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Jerram, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Newbury.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jerram. Nay: None. Motion passed.

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No Action Taken.

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jerram. Nay: None. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye M. Sweeney, Board Clerk