

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

AMENDED AND
APPROVED 9/22/2010

Present: Ms. Sexton Read (left at 7:05 p.m.), Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Torrant, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. R. Jerram, Mr. D. Jerram, Middle School Principal Perez, High School Principal Chichester, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. R. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 with the following amendment: Mr. D. Jerram did not arrive until after first vote of the meeting. MINUTES 7/14/2010

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by R. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to approve the following special meeting minutes as presented: June 15, 2010; June 29, 2010; June 30, 2010; July 8, 2010; July 20, 2010; July 26, 2010; and August 3, 2010. MINUTES 6/15; 6/29; 6/30; 7/8; 7/20; 7/26; 8/3/2010

Middle School Principal Perez reported that the start up of the year went very well and that teachers were conducting orientation programs for incoming students. Ms. Perez explained that CMT scores represent an increase in all academic areas tested. She handed out a report which detailed the results with comparisons to other schools. Staff are instituting intervention strategies for students needing academic support and analyzing all results to see what interventions have brought positive results. PRINCIPAL REPORTS Middle School CMT Results

High School Principal Chichester indicated that the high school had a very successful opening and thanked all staff for their efforts, and, in particular, the custodial and maintenance staff for their work over the summer. Mr. Chichester reported that ROTC numbers are up to seven (7) and that he is very impressed with the program. He also noted that we have a new Chinese student and an exchange student from Germany that will be joining the student body later in the year. High School ROTC Exchange St.

Principal Chichester reported that in looking at CAPT scores trending is important. Over the last five years the scores in math are consistent; in science, more students over time have moved into the advanced category; reading has been consistent; and in writing, there was a major improvement. Departmental staff will be working with the data to see how to develop interventions to improve student performance. He provided the Board with a detailed written analysis. Mr. Chichester alerted the Board to the Open House on September 16. Mrs. Kenneson asked him about the program he has introduced to increase student body feeling of pride in the school. He said after looking at other programs that he and his staff have come up with a program that fits Northwestern. This program that was developed will teach what school pride looks like and what behaviors represents pride in one's school. A plan is currently being implemented with students. CAPT Data OPEN HOUSE 9/16/2010 SCHOOL PRIDE PLAN

Superintendent Palmer reported that the staff is complete with the hiring of Sharon Lake-Post to teach middle school Spanish and Jackie Bonaguide to teach high school French. Dr. Palmer outlined the negotiation schedule for teachers and administrators which needs to start by October 4, 2010. SUPT. RPT. Hiring Negotiation Time Line

Superintendent Palmer discussed the monies which are anticipated to be received by the District as a result of the Education Job Fund passed by Congress and outlined her plan for rehiring some staff members that were cut during the past budget process. Ed. Job Fun

MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to amend the agenda to include (1) the first reading of three policies: 5141.7 Student Sports – Concussion and Head Injuries; 5145.121 Vehicle Searches on School Grounds; and 5145.122 Use of Dogs to Search School Property; and (2) an update from the Chairperson.

ADD
NEW BUS.
ITEM
POLICIES
CHAIR PERSON UPDATE

Chair Ms. Sexton Read reported that Mrs. Dorazio had agreed to be the Board Representative to CAFE. She also reported that the Athletic Director would be conducting a survey to be posted on the school web-site inviting parents to share their thoughts on pay-to-play.

DORAZIO
CAFE REP.
PAY-TO-PLAY SURVEY

At 7:05 p.m. Vice Chair, Mrs. Dorazio, assumed the duties of the Chairperson due to Chairperson Sexton Read having to leave the meeting.

DORAZIO, CHAIR
REMAINDER OF MTG.

Finance Director Newbury reported that a limited number of projects were completed this summer due to budgetary situations. However, maintenance did do work on office areas and classroom areas to effect a better utilization of space. In addition, all annual maintenance and cleaning was completed as usual. Mr. Newbury reported that an air conditioning failure on the first day of school was a result of an electrical board failure and is expected to be repaired by Friday.

SUMMER
MAINTENANCE
REPORT

Superintendent Palmer reported that she had met with Gilbert School officials and presented the Board of Education offer of \$450. per football player which they have accepted for academic year 2010-2011. She stated that a meeting with Gilbert will be scheduled to discuss the future of the cooperative arrangement.

GILBERT
FOOTBALL

Superintendent Palmer updated the Board on the “Wind Mill” project with Optiwind. She stated that the school’s legal advisor had reviewed the PPA proposed by Optiwind and had recommended a number of revisions in language. Superintendent Palmer will be meeting with Optiwind officials to become familiar with the overall project. The Board asked that information on three areas of the project be presented at the next meeting: 1. Who has liability on the tower? 2. What is the potential for failure? 3. What is the drop zone? Mr. D. Jerram, when asked his opinion on the project, indicated he was “not sold on it” due to the projected fall zone.

OPTIWIND

Dr. Palmer reported that the State has appointed Ronald Harris as the consultant to work with the Regionalization Committee.

R. HARRIS
REG. CMTE. CONSULT

Dr. Palmer presented the CAFE/CAPSS approved Superintendent Evaluation document for Board consideration.

SUPT. EVAL.
DOCUMENT

Superintendent Palmer introduced three new policies for their first review: 5141.7 Student Sports – Concussion and Head Injuries; 5145.121 Vehicle Searches on School Grounds; and 5145.122 Use of Dogs to Search School Property; and (2) an update from the Chairperson.

FIRST READING
POLICIES
5141.7; 5145.121
and 5145.122

A letter from Richard Kelley regarding the junior band student behavior during the speech portion of the Memorial Day exercises in Norfolk was read. Dr. Palmer said the issue had been addressed.

R. KELLEY
LETTER

A letter from JoAnn Delaini resigning her position as Career Resource Facilitator was read.

J. DELAINI
RESIGNATION

MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mr. R. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to accept with regret the resignation of JoAnn Delaini as Career Resource Facilitator.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. R. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Chair to appoint a negotiation committee.

NEGOTIATION
COMMITTEE

MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Torrant, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Superintendent to hire staff with funds made available through the Education Job Fund. Amount not to exceed 50% of the grant received.

EDUCATION
JOB FUNDS

MOTION by Mr. Torrant, seconded by Mr. R. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations. Present in Executive Session: Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Torrant, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. R. Jerram, Mr. D. Jerram, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

MOTIO by Mr. Torrant, seconded by Mr. R. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Torrant, seconded by Mr. D. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Board Chairperson to execute a new collective bargaining agreement with the Secretarial Unit pending Board and legal review.

SECR.
CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Torrant, and passed unanimously, to cancel the first regularly-scheduled meeting in September (September 8, 2010).

CANCEL
9/8/10 MTG.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Torrant, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Newbury
Director of Finance and Operations