

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

Present: Mr. Lanctot, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Tarrant, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. D. Jerram, Mr. R. Jerram, Middle School Principal Perez, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.

Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Palmer requested an amendment to agenda to add first reading of Family Violence Leave Policy to New Business.

ADD ITEM TO
NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to amend the agenda under new business, to include the first reading on Family Violence Leave Policy.

MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve the minutes of September 1, 2010 with the following corrections: Mrs. Dorazio has agreed to be the Board Representative to CAFE not Shared Services and correction to Optiwind per Mr. Jerram should state, "Not sold on it" due to the projected fall zone. Aye: Mr. D Jerram, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Tarrant, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. R. Jerram. Nay: None. Abstention: Mrs. Yard, Mr. Lanctot. Motion passed.

MINUTES
9/1/10
CORRECTIONS

Superintendent Palmer introduced Lindsey Humphrey, a junior, as the new student representative along with returning member, Lior Trestman, a senior.

STUDENT REP.
REPORT

Lior Trestman reported on Spirit Week- September 20-25, 2010, which included Twin Day, Sports Day, Color Day, a pep rally to be held on Friday, September 24, and Homecoming on September 25. Several sports contests will be taking place; schedules are posted in the school building and on the school web site. A suggestion box has been place in House I by Ms. Mossman's Office. Students may write positive suggestions about needs of students and the school. He also commented about how clean Senior Commons has been kept by the senior class so far.

SPIRIT WEEK

HOME-
COMING

Lindsey Humphrey reported on the Student Council and their plans for future fundraisers.

STUDENT
COUNCIL

Superintendent Palmer handed out Mr. Chichester's report in his absence, and discussed AP and SAT exam results and scores for Northwestern Regional School. Dr. Palmer was pleased with the results and number of students who were tested. Principal Perez reported on how well the Middle School students and staff are settling in and how well the start of school has been going. The Middle School staff is planning parent/team meetings and conferences for October. New technology, such as Smart Boards and Digital Microscopes are in use in the classrooms. CMT scores are being analyzed. Middle School Open House was well attended, and there are plans for a seventh grade parent morning in October.

PRINCIPALS
REPORTS

AP/SAT
EXAM
RESULTS

M.S. UPDATES

Mr. Tarrant asked for further information on looping in the Middle School this year. Principal Perez explained the changes due to staffing cuts and the Team configuration.

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| Superintendent Palmer updated the board on the missing Ag/Ed calves. They have been sighted and are in good health. | SUPERIN- TENDENT |
| She discussed the "Wind Mill" project with Optiwind and the Board has requested that Optiwind officials be invited to attend the next meeting for a public information session. | OPTIWIND |
| Superintendent Palmer stated that all hiring for this school year was complete. | HIRING RPT. |
| Northwestern welcomes our Chinese visitors--eighteen students and three teachers will be arriving on October 2, 2010. They will be attending classes and touring our region. | CHINESE VISITORS |
| Meetings were held with the District towns concerning upcoming teacher negotiations. | TEACHER NEGOTIATIONS |
| Mr. Newbury presented information on budget transfers, reviewed the authorization needed to revise signers of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs, and the Northwest Community Bank Resolution of Lodge, Association or Other Similar Organization. | |
| MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. D. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Finance Director, Mr. Newbury, to make budget transfers as reported. | BUDGET TRANSFERS |
| MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to revise the authorized signers of the ED-099 agreement for the Child Nutrition Program and to designate Dr. Judith Palmer, Superintendent of Schools, to sign the agreement and to sign claim forms for reimbursement and in her absence or incapacity, Mr. Roger W. Newbury is designated to sign claims for reimbursement. | REVISE SIGNERS SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM |
| MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to accept Northwest Community Bank RESOLUTION OF LODGE, ASSOCIATION OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATION, as presented. | NW BANK RESOLUTION |
| MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy 5141.7 Student Sports-Concussion and Head Injuries. | POLICY 5141.7 SPORTS/CONCUSSIONS |
| MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy 5145.121 Vehicle Searches on School Grounds. | POLICY 5145.121 VEHICLE SEARCHES |
| MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to approve Policy 5145.122 Use of Dogs to Search School Property. Discussion ensued. MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to withdraw the motion. | USE OF DOGS TO SEARCH SCHOOL PROPERTY |
| MOTION by Mr. D Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously to send the policy to legal counsel for further comment. | POLICY TO LEGAL COUNSEL |

Mrs. Kenneson reported she attended the Shared Services meeting this month as the Board Representative. SHARED SERV. REPORT

Mrs. Dorazio reported as the Board Representative to CABA, that the CABA Convention will be held in Mystic, CT. this coming November. Superintendent Palmer encouraged members to attend. CABA REPORT

The Senior Class expressed their desire to hold graduation at the Warner Theater this year. Board members discussed the idea and were all in favor. Fundraisers were discussed for this event. GRADUATION AT WARNER

Superintendent Palmer stated the date of the initial meeting of the Regionalization Committee will be announced when finalized. Board members serving on this committee include Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Lanctot and Mr. R. Jerram. REGIONALIZATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Sexton Read reviewed materials for the Superintendent Performance Evaluation. A decision was made to add a self evaluation to this tool. SUPT. EVAL.

MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Tool and amend it to include a self evaluation by the Superintendent.

None reported. CORRESPONDENCE

Items for future agendas: Family Violence Leave Policy; Five Year Capitol Plan FUTURE AGENDA

No one spoke on agenda items. PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations. Present in Executive Session: Mr. Lanctot, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Torrant, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. D. Jerram, Mr. R. Jerram, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Torrant, seconded by Mr. D. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. ADJOURN

Respectively submitted,

Kaye M. Sweeney
Board Clerk