

**Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
September 9, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Newbury Library Media center**

Present:

Mark Lanctot	Barkhamsted
Molly Sexton Read	Barkhamsted
Janice Dorazio	Colebrook
Theresa Kenneson	Colebrook
Daniel Jerram	New Hartford
Don Tarrant	Norfolk
Tara Yard	Norfolk

APPROVED 10/14/09

Candy Perez	Middle School Principal
Wayne Conner	High School Principal

Shelby Mainville	Student Representative
Lior Trestman	Student Representative

Clint Montgomery	Superintendent of Schools
Roger Newbury	Director of Finance and Operations

Absent:

John Griffey	New Hartford
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<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>
Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
None	PUBLIC PORTION
MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of August 26, 2009.	MINUTES August 26, 2009
Mr. Chichester and Ms. Mossman made a presentation to the BOE on the administrative interventions to reduce the number of out-of-school suspensions. They described the various programs and interventions that have been developed over the last three years to address this issue, including the Alternative Disciplinary Program and the In-School Suspension Program. The data presented in the power point presentation displayed a dramatic reduction in the number of out-of-school suspensions over the last several years. In addition, the data showed a marked improvement in the reduction of suspensions for special education students. Mr. Montgomery complemented the administrative team at both the middle and high school levels for their work in this area. He indicated that parents are also pleased with the disciplinary programs offered through NWR7 because academic and counseling support is available so that students do not fall behind. He indicated that several districts have visited NWR7 to observe and replicate these programs.	PRESENTATION ON SUSPENSION DATA
Mr. Montgomery stated that both student representatives have participated in a leadership program to assist in the Star Gazing Night planned for October 17, 2009 at NWR7 to promote the Highlander Educational Foundation and the goal of building an observatory for the telescope. Shelby Mainville discussed the positive start up of the school year for seniors and the desire of the senior class to hold graduation at the Warner Theater this spring. She described the various sports and social programs that are now underway for seniors with a focus on the growth and success of the banking program. Shelby also stated that students appear to have adjusted well to the new schedule.	STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

<p>Lior Trestman provided a report on the student leadership’s involvement with the Highlander Educational Foundation. He showed the BOE members a sample of a flyer that he had developed to use to advertise and publicize the event and stated that the high school students planned on visiting the elementary schools to also promote the Star Gazing Night. Lior also discussed the upcoming junior class events, including the homecoming activities. He also stated that students appear to be handling the new schedule without difficulty. There was a discussion of the development of the new student Senate made up of students leaders from various organizations. The goals for this organization as well as the planned beginning activities were discussed.</p>	
<p>Ms. Perez indicated that the middle school open house was coming up this Thursday. She reported on various activities and programs slated for the fall, including the anti-bullying program and the initiation of services and collaboration with the Mountainside Program to address substance abuse prevention initiatives.</p> <p>Both principals reported that the school year had started off extremely well. Mr. Conner updated that BOE on upcoming high school events, including the open house on September 17, 2009. He indicated that, at the request of the BOE, he would invite Mr. Frank Rodenberg to the next meeting to describe the Summer 2010 European Trip.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to accept the Social Studies Department’s Summer 2010 European Trip led by Frank Rodenberg.</p>	<p>REPORTS PRINCIPALS</p>
<p>Mr. Montgomery provided information on the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H1N1 Flu: Mr. Montgomery provided an update on the activities and interventions that have been initiated regarding the H1N1 Flu. He stated that the secretaries and nurses have been collecting information about each student and staff member who is absent from school due to illness. 2. Renewable Energy Programs: Mr. Montgomery provided updates on the Solar and Wind turbine projects. He indicated that Delta Roofing will begin their work on the roof when the building permits have been approved by the two towns. Mr. Montgomery also stated that there will be a Conservation Conference co-sponsored by the Northwest Conservation District and NWR7 at UCONN or at R7 on October 7, 2009. 3. Highlander Education Foundation: Mr. Montgomery reported that the architect has made several visits to the school and has recommended that the proposed observatory be placed on the northeast corner of the middle school. This location will avoid many zoning and utility issues and allows for the best use of current facilities. Mr. Montgomery also reminded the BOE members that the foundation planned a Star Gazing Night for October 17 at 5:30 pm to promote the foundation and the observatory. 4. President Obama’s Speech: Mr. Montgomery stated that the Roberta Ohotnicky Little Theater will be used to provide a venue for the viewing of the president’s speech next Monday, September 14th. This is a late bus day and afterschool transportation is available. Teachers have received emails from Mr. Montgomery regarding the importance of notifying both parents and students of this opportunity. 	<p>REPORTS SUPERINTENDENT</p>
<p>Mr. Newbury reported that the ED001 report had been completed and sent to the state and that the Business Office was now in the process of preparing for the audit. Mr. Newbury reported that there were not transfers necessary at this time</p>	<p>REPORTS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</p>
<p>Ms. Sexton Read indicated that she will be scheduling a meeting with the four selectmen regarding the Holcomb Farm Land.</p> <p>Ms. Sexton Read also indicated that she met with the Athletic Director to ensure that the district was in full compliance with Title IX regulations. The result of this meeting provided assurance that the district is providing equal services to male and female athletes and in</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS UPDATES</p>

<p>compliance with the law.</p>	
<p>Mr. Montgomery discussed the various policies presented to the BOE last month. Mr. Montgomery discussed the recent changes made to two of the proposed policies and rationale for these changes.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Torrant, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #6114.1 – Fire Emergencies (Drills), as presented.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Torrant, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #3541.44 - Transporting Students in Privately Owned Vehicles, as presented.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #4112.8/4212.8 - Nepotism: Employment of Relatives, as presented.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Torrant, and passed unanimously, to approve Policy #5118 - School Accommodations to Resident and Non-Resident Children in the Regional School District No. 7 Public Schools, as presented.</p>	<p>Policy #6114.1 Fire Drills</p> <p>Policy #3541.44 Transporting Students</p> <p>Policy #4112.8/4212/8 Nepotism</p> <p>Policy #5118 - Residency</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:47 p.m. for negotiations. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Torrant, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Lanctot, Superintendent Montgomery, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION Negotiations</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to cancel the second Board meeting in September (September 23).</p>	<p>RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully Submitted By Clint Montgomery, Superintendent

Clint Montgomery