

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
September 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, Middle School Principal Perez, High School Principal Chichester, Student Representatives Lindsay Humphrey and Erika Gentile.

Meeting called to order by Ms. Sexton Read at 6:04 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Millar, from Colebrook, presented the BOE with the final report and decision of the Regionalization Committee. The report may be obtained by contacting Mr. Millar at millar06021@charter.net. Mr. Millar reviewed the following topics of the study: Process, Profile of schools and towns, Recommendation and reasons, Details of financial issues and test scores, Regionalization issues and opportunities, and Alternative recommendations. The towns of Colebrook and New Hartford had requested the Regionalization Study per CGS-47b. A twelve member committee, comprised of representatives from each of the Region #7 towns, Barkhamsted, Colebrook, New Hartford and Norfolk voted 8:1 not to recommend the addition of Grades K through 6 to Regional District School # 7.

REGIONALIZATION
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Ms. Sexton Read and Superintendent Palmer thanked the Regionalization Committee for their commitment and hard work.

COMMITTEE
THANKED

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to approve the minutes of August 24, 2011. AYE: Mrs. Dorazio, Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. Motion passed.

MINUTES
8/24/2011

Student Representative Lindsay Humphrey stated there was a great start to the new school year. Homecoming is planned for October 1, 2011. Lindsay remarked on the school environment and plans for the students to participate. Lindsay has been accepted to be a member of the Highlander Fund.

STUDENT REP
REPORT

Student Representative Erika Gentile reported on the Junior Class September Bowl, the Junior theme, and the upcoming Friday night GN Football game.

Middle School Principal Perez reported the Middle School is settling in. Adjustments to schedules and evaluating students who may need extra assistance are underway. Professional Development for October will be focused on Writing. Middle School open house will be held on September 15, 2011. The seventh grade class will be going to Boulder Ridge on September 16, 2011 for teamwork programs and activities. The PTO will be meeting soon to discuss fundraisers and mentorships for boys. Ms. Perez stated the restoration of the Middle School Teams has been successful.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL
REPORT

High School Principal Chichester reported on the great start in the high school. There has been much feedback from the students and faculty concerning the school climate. Issues discussed included respect for each other, dress code, cell phones/technology usage and use of proper language. He stated the school climate is very important to learning and respect. Addressing bullying and how students treat each other are among the issues being looked at. A Student Advisory meeting will be held December 16, 2011 to discuss these topics. September 22, 2011 is High School Open House. The Highlander Fair will be held on September 28, 2011 along with a community medication disposal program. The Parent Committee will meet on October 13, 2011 "How to Communicate with Your Teen" as the topic. A new Spanish course has been added to the HS curriculum for college credit.

HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL
REPORT

Superintendent Palmer stated there was a terrific start to the new school year. All the new staff are in place and doing very well. CMT/CAPT scores are being evaluated. Ms. Perez will be heading up a new Technology Committee. “Bring your own device to school“ will be reviewed at the next Superintendent’s Meeting in September.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Director of Finance and Operations Newbury reported the first day of school transportation went very well. The new oil tank is in and the project is completed. The Capital Plan is in progress. The Observatory will be moved soon and put back into commission for the use of our communities and students.

DIRECTOR OF
FINANCE AND
OPERATIONS

Ms. Sexton Read updated the Board on the GN Football Team. The (MOU) Memo of Understanding has been signed. She discussed the future of football at NWR #7, options, and interest. There will be a meeting with the CIAC to gather more information.

GN FOOTBALL
UPDATE

Policy #5113.2- Truancy, was reviewed and discussed.

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, to approve Policy #5113.2 – Truancy as reviewed. AYE: Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Bell, Ms Sexton Read, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Jerram. NAY: None. Motion passed.

POLICY #5113.2
TRUANCY

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, to cancel the next Board of Education Meeting scheduled for September 28, 2011. AYE: Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Bell, Ms Sexton Read, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Jerram. NAY: None. Motion passed.

CANCEL MTG
9/21/2011

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations. Present in Executive Session: Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Bell, Ms Sexton Read, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier. AYE: Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Bell, Ms Sexton Read, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Jerram. NAY: None. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

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

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. AYE: Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Bell, Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Jerram. NAY: None. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye M. Sweeney, Board Clerk