

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education
September 26, 2007

PRESENT: Mr. Newbury, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Griffey, Mr. Jerram, Student Representatives Michael Welch and Meghan McCoy, Clint Montgomery-Superintendent of Schools, Principal Conner (for reception)

Mr. Jerram called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Reception for recipients of the Commissioner's letter on CAPT test results began with the presentation of certificates for each of the honored students by Principal Conner. Refreshments followed. List of recipients who achieved advanced level for all four areas Of the CAPT are as follows: Averill Cantwell, Lindsey Coons, Hillary Dunn, Allison Fitch, Gretchen Fredericksen, Jessica Hawley, Sarah Lippincott, Rachel Mannion, Kyle Michell, Brenna Morrissey, Margaret Muirhead, Aizlyn Pieszak, Christopher Richard, Kristen Riedel, Charlotte Roso, Victor Salazar, Christopher Sinclair, Serena Sinclair, Cody Stone, John Traub, Katherine Woods, Valerie Tassinari, Anthony Summa.

RECIPIENTS
ADVANCED
LEVEL
CAPT
AWARD
LETTERS

Town representatives from Norfolk discussed issues related to the Regional 7 negotiations. They distributed materials to the Board. Written information from New Hartford and Barkhamsted were also discussed by the Board

TOWNS RPT.
ON NEGOTIATIONS

The first meeting on teacher negotiations has been set for Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to set ground rules for contract negotiations and future negotiation dates.

NEGOTIATIONS
TEACHER CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the amended minutes of September 12, 2007. Correction: Mr. Lanctot was changed to Mr. Gregor in the last motion to adjourn the meeting.

MINUTES
9/12/2007

Superintendent Montgomery reported that he is addressing the issue of public concern regarding the unavailability of the gym through newspaper reports. He distributed an article that appeared in the Winsted Journal on September 21, 2007.

GYMNASIUM
REPORT

Superintendent Montgomery also talked about the September 26, 2007 article in the Republican-American regarding the "alternative disciplinary program" (ADP). This is a tutorial program that takes the place of many out-of-school suspensions. Rather than have students out of school, they are now required to remain in school during normal school hours as well as stay after school to complete assignments or receive supplemental tutoring..

ALTERNATIVE
DISCIPLINARY
PROGRAM
(ADP)

Mr. Newbury reported that they are awaiting a proposal from Enviro-Science regarding the abatement procedure in the gymnasium. The estimate, in turn, will be submitted to the State. He explained that independent testing would be included in the estimate to ensure accurate results. Also included in the estimate, will be the cost of the removal of materials, specs, and bids.

ABATEMENT
REPORT

Mrs. Kenneson requested that the Policy Review Committee meet an hour before the second meeting of the month.

POLICY CMTE.
2nd MTG. OF MONTH

Mr. Jerram suggested looking into a company that reviews policies. Superintendent Montgomery will look into the fees for this type of service and report back to the board at the next meeting.

POLICY
REVIEW

Superintendent Montgomery reported that the administration would like to see a policy written for using the breathalyzer at various school functions. Mr. Montgomery will contact CABA for sample policies.

BREATHALYZER
POLICY

Mr. Griffey suggested that the Principals' reports and the presentation of curriculum review occur at different board meetings to reduce the length of the meetings.

CURR. REVIEW/
PRINC. RPT.
DIFFERENT MTGS.

Superintendent Montgomery suggested that the agendas, minutes, and enclosures for the board meetings be distributed via email. He suggested a trial period of transition to see if this process was efficient. Mr. Jerram, Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Kenneson, and Ms. Dorazio agreed to receive materials via email only. Mrs. Yard would like to receive both the electronic and hard copy versions. Board of Education members not present will receive both versions until they notify the Superintendent of their preference.

ELECTRONIC
BOE
MATERIALS

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. Present in Executive Session: Mr. Griffey, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Yard, Superintendent Montgomery, Mr. Newbury.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to increase Mr. Newbury's salary for five percent for the current school year.

DIR. FINANCE
AND OPERATIONS
SALARY INCREASE

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Griffey, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Tera B. Dunn