

**Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
October 14, 2009
6:30 p.m.
Roger Newbury Media center**

Present:

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

Mark Lanctot	Barkhamsted
John Griffey	New Hartford

<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
Mr. Rodenberg provided an overview of the upcoming summer trip to Europe. There was general support from both the administration and the BOE members who had approved the trip at the previous meeting.	PRESENTATION ON THE STUDENT EUROPIAN TRIP
Lior Trestman provided a report on the student activities with a focus on junior events. He reported on the newly formed Student Senate that recently discussed issues such as parking, music in the cafeteria, and "green" activities. He also reported on a research project that he was conducting around the advantages of substituting paper towels for hand driers in the bathrooms of the school. Shelby Mainville reported on the latest senior activities. She reported on recent Bank awards and other community service events that the seniors were involved in. Shelby also presented a brief but polished video on the recently held Highlander Academy. She stated that \$3,000 was raised at this event	STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
Ingrid Burke provided a report on the Action Plan recently developed by the Science Department in an effort to boost CAPT scores and overall math achievement.	PRESENTATION ON THE MATH DEPT. ACTION PLAN
MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of September 9, 2009. MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 7, 2009.	MINUTES September 9, 2009 And October 7, 2009
Ms. Perez and Mr. Conner provided information about recent activities with students and parents in both schools. However, the majority of their report was on the recently administered Substance Abuse Survey. They reported on the specific responses to the various sections of the	REPORTS PRINCIPALS

<p>reports. The summarized results indicated that the majority of the students rated the substance abuse issues “moderate” at both schools. The BOE discussed the implications of the survey and the plans for further surveys so that progress can be followed. The principals also focused on the current and future interventions that address substance abuse issues in the middle and high schools.</p> <p>Mr. Conner stated that he has received notice that nineteen students received letters from the Commissioner of Education for advanced scores on the CAPT. It was agreed by the BOE that these students, along with those scoring in the advanced range from the middle school, would be honored at the next BOE meeting at 6 P.M.</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 status of the H1N1 situation at the two schools. He stated that the absenteeism has been running at approximately three percent which is normal for this time of year. Several suspected “influenza” cases have been reported and treated outside of the school. Close communication has continued with the health district officials and a parent information session may be planned for the late fall. Mr. Montgomery reported that he has discussed the issue of vaccination and the use of the schools’ facilities with the health directors and indicated that the administration will cooperate in any way possible to coordinate this process. Mr. Montgomery also stated that he has contacted the district’s attorney to discuss any liability issues. <p>MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Superintendent to adjust the school calendar in conjunction with other district superintendents relative to the H1N1 outbreak.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Graduation: Mr. Montgomery stated that the process has begun for planning for graduation and it will be necessary for the BOE to decide on the use of the gym or the Warner Theater. The BOE agreed unanimously that the Warner Theater is the best venue for the next graduation. They approved its use with the understanding that the necessary funds would need to be donated this year and then planned for in the coming budget. 3 Roof Issues Mr. Montgomery reported that a recent examination of the leaks in the Ag Ed building Indicated the need for significant repair to this roof. GAF has agreed to supply most of the materials and quotes are being sought for a prompt repair 4 Mr. Montgomery also reported that work was initiated on the main roof this morning. 	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>SUPERINTENDENT</p>
<p>Mr. Newbury reported that only a small transfer of funds was necessary at this time (\$7,275).</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to accept the financial report with the transfers as outlined</p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</p>
<p>Ms. Sexton Read indicated that she is currently making arrangements for a meeting with the four selectmen to discuss the Holcomb Farm Land and to seek input regarding the school’s future purchase of this land.</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>UPDATES</p>
<p>Mr. Montgomery indicated that there are several vacancies on various committees of the BOE. Ms. Theresa Kenneson agreed to act as the representative for Shared Services with Ms. Janice Dorazio acting as the alternate. Mr. Tarrant agreed to act as representative for the Education Connection Board of Directors.</p> <p>The BOE discussed the Cell Phone survey requested by Mr. Keith Winegar.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to approve the student/teacher surveys on cell phone use subject to revision and approval by the Superintendent. Aye: Ms. Sexton Read,</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>

<p>Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Tarrant, Mrs. Kenneson. Nay: Mr. Jerram. Abstention: None. Motion passed.</p>	
<p>The BOE discussed the letter from Ms. Angell requesting Child Rearing Leave.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the request of Jessica Angell for childrearing leave consistent with past practice.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDANCE</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Mrs. Kenneson.</p> <p>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 9:55 p.m.</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION Negotiations</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to cancel the second meeting for the month of October 2009.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, and passed unanimously, to cancel the regularly-scheduled first meeting in November (November 12) and re-schedule this meeting for November 18, 2009 to begin at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>The BOE discussed the merits of a Retirement Incentive Plan for the current year. It was agreed that this program would be offered again with an earlier notification date. It was also agreed that \$10,000 would be offered to each eligible retiree as a one-time payment or the same amount to be paid toward insurance costs for one year.</p>	<p>RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully Submitted,



Clint Montgomery, Superintendent