

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
November 9, 2011

Approved
12/14/2011

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.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sexton Read at 6:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Public-None

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Jerram, to approve the minutes of October 12, 2011. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell, Ms. Sexton Read. NAY: None. ABSTENTION: Mr. Lanctot. MOTION PASSED. 10/12/2011

Student Representative Lindsay Humphrey reviewed the senior fundraiser at Flatbread Pizza in Canton, prom plans are in progress, the student council is collecting food, gift cards and monetary donations for the Holiday Baskets. STUDENT REP. REPORTS

Student Representative Erika Gentile reported on the junior class fundraiser with Munson's Chocolates. The Junior Achievement students will be volunteering at Bakersville School and New Hartford School. There will be four student volunteers at each of the schools.

Middle School Principal Perez reported on the Middle School field trip to the Norman Rockwell Museum which involves students in the Language Arts, History and Art Illustrations. The Boston Massacre Trial will begin next week and will be held at the Winsted Town Hall. Eighth Grade students will visit Oliver Wolcott Technical School on Thursday. The Parent /Teacher conferences held on Monday and Tuesday of this week were well attended. November 14, 2011 is the end of the Marking Period. The Middle School Student Council will be celebrating Veteran's Day at the Dunkin Donut Shoppes in Winsted and New Hartford from 8a.m. to 10 a.m. MS PRINCIPAL REPORT

High School Principal Mr. Chichester updated the Board members on the After School Supervision program. 589 students have utilized the program in the month of October. A Veterans Day recognition program will honor all staff members who served in the Armed Forces. HS PRINCIPAL REPORT

Superintendent Palmer gave an update on Optiwind. The scheduled dates of construction remain on target. Northwestern will be spotlighted in Optiwind presentations to other interested parties. SUPT. REPORT

The Robotics Club has received a \$6,500.00 award from JC Penney Company. Dr. Palmer is assisting the Director of Shared Services, Ms. Paula Gladu-Morabito, in finding an additional site for the Highlander Program which will provide instruction in home living skills and activities of daily living.

Director of Finance and Operations reviewed the monthly budget and transfers.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, to authorize the Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Newbury, to make budget transfers, as presented. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

As a result of the recent review of the school lunch program, the State of Connecticut sent a letter stating that all standards were met and the school lunch program is in good standing.

LUNCH PRGM.
REVIEW

UPDATES- None.

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MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve Policy 5131.911 Bullying, with revisions as discussed. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

POLICY
5131.911
BULLYING

School calendar adjustments were discussed due to the past two storms since the start of School. The storms resulted in the loss of six days of school.

SCHOOL
CALENDAR
ADJUSTMENTS

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to ratify the action of the Superintendent of Schools in making the following administrative adjustment to the 2011-2012 calendar: School will be in session on November 11, 2011. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

NOV. 11, 2011
SCHOOL IN SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, to approve the following adjustments to the 2011-2012 school calendar: School will be in session as follows: November 11, 2011; November 23, 2011 - Early dismissal; February 20, 2012 and February 21, 2012. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

SCHOOL
CALENDAR
ADJUSTMENTS

Dr. Palmer and High School Principal Chichester discussed and answered questions regarding the Regional School District No. 7 Final Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status Report. It was noted that proficiency in Math and Reading were met.

AYP
STATUS
REPORT

Ms. Sexton Read and Dr. Palmer reviewed the Superintendent's Goals which include: 1) Educational Leadership; 2) Organizational Management; 3) Community and Board of Education relations; and 4) Personal and Professional Qualities and Relationships. The Superintendent's review will be held in February 2012.

SUPT.
GOALS

Dr. Palmer and High School Principal Chichester presented a power point update on the Robotics Club and “Building” the Northwestern High School Robotic Team.

ROBOTICS
UPDATE

Mr. Steve Goyette, Lead Mentor for the Robotics Club, joined the discussion. The students will cover a variety of subjects including innovation and creativity. It was stressed the Robotics Club will benefit curriculum, opportunities for students, and community involvement. Accomplishments so far have been obtaining funding from ALCOA and JC Penney, 30 students and 8 mentors have been recruited, a robotics room is being developed and initial meetings have taken place. The next steps include a meeting on November 15, 2011 and completion of the robotics room. Principal Chichester and Dr. Palmer expressed their gratitude and thanks for the Board of Education’s support on this project.

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to approve a Childbearing/Childrearing leave in accordance with FMLA Regulations and the teachers’ contract for Roxanne Puhalski. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

PUHALSKI
LEAVE

MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, to cancel the second meeting of the month scheduled for November 23, 2011. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

CANCEL
11/23/2011
BOE MTG.

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to go into Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED. Present in Executive Session: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson to come out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to approve the renewal of the Memo of Understanding (MOU) with the Union on the Athletic Directors’ position. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR
RENEWAL
OF M.O.U.

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, to accept a one year salary re-opener to the existing Custodial Contract as presented. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

CUSTODIAL
SALARY
AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, to accept the Educational Assistants' contract (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014) as presented. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

EDUC.
ASST.
CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. AYE: Mr. Gauthier, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Bell. NAY: None. MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye M. Sweeney, Board Clerk