

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
November 10, 2010

APPROVED
12/8/2010

PRESENT: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. R. Jerram, Mr. D. Jerram, Superintendent Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, Middle School Principal Perez, High School Principal Chichester, Student Representative Lior Trestman, Student Representative Lindsay Humphrey.

Meeting called to order by Ms. Sexton Read at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education recognized Northwestern students for their Achievements on the 8th Grade CMT Exams and the 2010 CAPT Advanced Level Exams.

CMT AND CAPT
AWARDS

Ms. Sexton Read spoke to the students, parents and teachers about their hard work. She especially recognized the parents for their support and encouragement. She expressed how critical it is for every parent to be involved in order to obtain student success.

BOE CHAIR

MS Principal Perez congratulated the 8th Grade Award recipients, now current 9th Grade. She expressed congratulation from the teachers and staff at NWR#7. Ms. Perez stated these students achieved the highest level on all four test levels.

MS
PRINCIPAL
PEREZ

HS Principal Chichester congratulated the students receiving awards for their excellent achievement on the 2010 CAPT Advanced Level Exams. He read a letter received by Mark McQuillan, Commissioner of Education recognizing their excellence. Mr. Chichester stated according to the DRG C comparisons, Northwestern placed 3rd in the State. He expressed how proud he was of the students, parents, teachers and staff.

HS
PRINCIPAL
CHICHESTER

The Board of Education meeting resumed at 6:35p.m. after a reception was held for the students and their guests.

MTG

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting with the correction to add Lior Trestman and Lindsay Humphrey, Student Representatives to the attendance list of that meeting.

MINUTES
10/13/10

Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Lanctot, Mr. R. Jerram. Nay: None. Abstention: Mr. D. Jerram. Motion passed.

CORRECTION

Student Representative Lindsay Humphrey reported bake sales were held last week with the proceeds going toward Turkey Baskets. A tag sale is being planned for the spring for the Junior Class. A bake sale will be held next week with proceeds going to the Junior Class for prom expenses.

STUDENT REP
REPORT

Student Representative Lior Trestman reported that hand dryers have been installed in the boys bathroom and are much appreciated. The Green Team this school year has about 35 members and are starting on projects such as obtaining trees for school.

STUDENT REP
REPORT

Middle School Principal, Ms. Perez, reported the first school quarter is closed. MS PRINCIPAL
Professional development for the teachers last week included curriculum review, REPORT
strategies, technology and common core values for year 2014. PROF DEV

The Middle School students, teachers and staff are beginning to work on projects MS ACTIVITIES
for the holidays such as turkey baskets and holiday angels.

Ms. Perez announced, MS teacher Krista Brazie, and 8th grade students will be at Dunkin VETERANS
Donuts in Winsted and New Hartford on Veterans Day, 11/11/10, to greet and express their DAY
appreciation to all of our Veterans. A poem written by Emily Snieckus, 8th Grade Team CELEB
Endeavor, titled, "America's Spirit" will be handed out to each Veteran. Her poem is a POEM
Celebration to Veterans Day 2010.

Superintendent Palmer expressed her thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Griffey, owners of Dunkin SUPT.
Donuts, for allowing our school to participate in Veterans Day at their shops. COMMENT

High School Principal, Mr. Chichester, reported he is working with staff development HS PRINCIPAL
in the process of NEASC Accreditation. The staff continues to work on curriculum REPORT
development, standards and the scope of education. School wide rubrics for the 21st century STAFF
continue with collaboration, writing, and problem solving for high school expectations. DEV.

Mr. Chichester reported discussions with the freshman class on Bullying and Harassment ANTI-
have had a very good response from the students and staff. This is an open discussion BULLING
with the students. There will be follow up program in February 2011. This program is PROGRAM
called "Rachel's Challenge", which will challenge to reach each student to make positive
changes in their schools and communities. Mr. Chichester hopes this special program
will have a long lasting effect on our students. Middle School, High School and Community
meetings will be held in conjunction with this program.

Board of education members discussed this program and hopes it will be a sustainable program BOE
individualized to our school. REMARKS

Superintendent Palmer reported on professional development. She and Mr. Chichester visited SUPT.
Monroe Public School for collaboration on NEASC. Both stated the visit was very REPORT
informative.

Superintendent Palmer attended the Curriculum Mapping Program. She stated she met MAPPING
with the surrounding town principals and had a very positive reception to the program. CURRICULUM
This will be available on line. It is a 3 to 5 year process.

Superintendent Palmer updated the Board of Education on the bus incident which BUS
occurred this afternoon on Main Street in Winsted. No injuries were reported. INCIDENT

Director of Finance and Operations Newbury reviewed Northwest Community DIR. OF FINANCE
Bank Resolutions of Lodge, Association Or Other Similar Organizations. NW COMM. BANK

MOTION by Mr. Torrant, seconded by Mr. D. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to accept signature changes on the NORTHWEST COMMUNITY BANK RESOLUTIONS OF LODGE, ASSOCIATION OR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATION, as presented.

BANK
SIGNATURES

Mr. Newbury reviewed Merrill Lynch, Certification of Authority for Nonprofit Organizations and Unincorporated Associations.

MERRILL
LYNCH

MOTION by Mr. Torrant, seconded by Mr. D Jerram, and passed unanimously to accept Merrill Lynch, CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS, as presented.

Mr. Newbury reviewed the budget transfer requests.

BUDGET
TRANSFERS

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Torrant, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Director of Finance and Operations, Roger Newbury, to make budget transfers, as presented.

Mr. Newbury presented the BOE members with a Capitol Plan priority list. He explained Priority 1 -1 to 2 years, Priority 2- 2 to 3years, Priority 3-3 to 5 years. He will keep the BOE informed and updated on any changes.

CAPITOL
PLAN
PRIORITY

Regionalization Committee met on October 14, 2010. Mrs. Dorazio and Mrs. Yard stated members were introduced and officers were elected. Groups are being formed to gather information that will be collected from the involved towns. This information may include population, census, curriculum, buildings, and finances. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2010 7 p.m. at Northwestern.

REGION-
ALIZATION
CMTE.
REPORT

Superintendent Palmer presented the BOE with proposed school calendars for years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. This is a common calendar that was shared with the surrounding town superintendents. Board members discussed and made suggestions for the Superintendent to review with the other Regional School Boards. Action on this item was tabled until the next meeting.

2011-12
2012-13
SCH.
CALENDARS

Ms. Sexton Read updated the Board members on the Superintendents' goals. Both have met to discuss goals. They are using the CUBE outline used to choose goals. Another update will be in January.

SUPT.
GOALS

Superintendent Palmer handed out the Superintendent's Quarterly Newsletter. It will be available on the school's web site.

SUPT.
QUARTERLY
NEWSLETTER

The Board received a letter from Christine M. Kersten regarding a leave for childbearing/childrearing.

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to approve a childbearing/childrearing Leave in accordance with FMLA Regulations and the teachers contract for Christine M. Kersten. APPROVE
KERSTEN
LEAVE

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. D Jerram, Mr. R. Jerram, Mr. Tarrant, Superintendent Palmer, and Director of Finance and Operations Newbury. EXECUTIVE
SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. D Jerram, and passed unanimously, to cancel the second regular Board of Education meeting in November 2010. CANCEL
NOV. 24 MTG.

MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. D Jerram, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Kaye M. Sweeney
Board Clerk