

**Regional School District No. 7  
Board of Education Minutes  
November 18, 2009  
6:30 p.m.  
Newbury Library Media Center**

**Present:**

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

APPROVED  
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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:**

John Griffey	New Hartford
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<b><u>DISCUSSION</u></b>	<b><u>ISSUE</u></b>
Prior to the regular BOE meeting a reception was held for ninth grade and eleventh grade students who had scored within the advanced range for the CMTS and CAPTS. Ms. Perez and Mr. Conner recognized each of the students individually for their accomplishments on the state tests.	RECEPTION FOR STUDENTS
Ms. Sexton Read called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
Ms. Sexton Read introduced Mr. Robert Jerram who was elected as the replacement for Mr. John Griffey who recently left the BOE.	PUBLIC PORTION
<b>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of October 14, 2009.</b>	MINUTES October 14, 2009
Shelby Mainville discussed senior class activities with a focus on the newly formed Student Senate and the students' involvement in a variety of volunteer events. Lior Trestman provided a report on the research he has been conducting regarding the use of hand driers versus paper towels in the student bathrooms. He stated that two driers have been installed on a trial basis and additional information will be collected and reported to the BOE.	STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
Ms. Perez provided a report on the middle school. She focused on the recent Veterans Day event, organized by Ms. Krista Brazie to honor veterans at the local Dunkin Donuts. This event was coordinated by Ms. Brazie, Ms. Perez, and Mr. and Mrs. John Griffey and was an extremely meaningful experience for both the students and the veterans. Mr. Conner provided a report regarding the high school. He reported on various academic, social and athletic successes that had occurred in the last month.	REPORTS PRINCIPALS
Mr. Montgomery provided information on the following topics: 1. Mr. Montgomery indicated that the roof repairs to the main building have been completed with the purpose of ending water leaks and also strengthening the roof for the solar panels. He also indicated the re-roofing of the Ag Ed building will begin within a week and should take approximately two weeks to complete.	REPORTS

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Mr. Montgomery reported that the Highlander Educational Foundation has found an observatory through a donation in New Hartford. The foundation’s long term plan remains to fund a larger observatory that could be more appropriate for academic activities and would be situated on the roof of the middle school. A promotional activity is planned for this November 21<sup>st</sup> to coincide with the Craft Fair.</li> <li>3. Mr. Montgomery updated the BOE on collaboration activities with NCCC. Plans are being considered for shared programs in Robotics and an Arabic language course.</li> <li>4. Mr. Montgomery reported on the recent traffic flow changes for exiting Battistoni Drive. He indicated that since the police indicated that “passes” could not be given for students and adults who lived in the nearby community, the sign was changed to limit the No Left Hand Turn to the hours of 2:00 and 2:30 P.M.</li> <li>5. Mr. Montgomery stated that the budget process has begun earlier than usual and department heads and instructional leaders are preparing their requests with an understanding that they should hold requests to the same level as last year.</li> <li>6. Mr. Montgomery provided an update on the activities and interventions that have been initiated regarding the H1N1 Flu. He stated that data has consistently indicated a rate of absenteeism similar to previous years with no dramatic increases of illness due to the influenza.</li> <li>7. Mr. Montgomery provided updates on the Solar and Wind turbine projects. He indicated that Delta Roofing has completed their work on the roof and that all materials are on sight with approximately 200 of the total 2100 solar panels assembled and in place. He also indicated that a hearing was recently held in Barkhamsted regarding the proposed Wind Turbine and the reception has been positive so far. The public hearing was continued to a second date in December where a final decision will be made by the Planning and Zoning Board.</li> <li>8. Mr. Montgomery also reported that a psychology professor from UCONN has proposed that NWR7 participate in research study regarding student engagement. Mr. Montgomery recommended that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades participate in this activity since it is in line with district goals regarding engagement and RtI. The materials related to the study will be shared with the BOE at the next meeting so that approval can be considered.</li> </ol>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT</p>
<p>Mr. Newbury reported that there was a need for a small transfer in funds.  <b>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to accept the budget transfers as outlined.</b></p> <p>Mr. Newbury also reported on the process and time line for purchasing both oil and electricity.  <b>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to authorize the Finance Director or his designee to purchase electricity through December 2012.</b></p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE</p>
<p>Ms. Sexton Read indicated that a meeting with the four selectmen was recently held as discussed previously by the BOE. Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Newbury also attended this meeting. She indicated that the price of the land was a major factor in determining the interest of the selectmen. At this point, the selectman from Barkhamsted will contact the land owner to discuss shared interests and report back to the other stakeholders.</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>UPDATES</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>
<p>Mr. Montgomery read a letter from Ms. Robin Waring requesting leave for pregnancy.  <b>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to accept the request of Robin Waring for a child rearing leave from April vacation through the end of the 2009-2010 school year.</b></p> <p>Mr. Montgomery also distributed and Ms. Sexton Read read a letter from Mr. Wayne Conner indicating his plan to retire at the end of the current school year. BOE members expressed thanks to Mr. Conner for his many successful years of contribution to NWR7 in a wide variety of roles.</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p>

<p><b>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, and passed unanimously, to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Principal, Wayne Conner.</b></p>	
<p>None</p>	<p>OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS</p>
<p><b>MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations and personnel matters. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Lanctot, Superintendent Montgomery, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.</b></p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION Negotiations</p>
<p><b>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to cancel the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Education (November 25, 2009).</b></p>	<p>RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION</p>
<p><b>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.</b></p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

*Clint Montgomery*

Clint Montgomery, Superintendent