

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
December 8, 2010

APPROVED 1/13/11

PRESENT: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. R. Jerram, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, 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. Mr. Lanctot (6:15p.m)

Meeting called to order by Ms. Sexton Read at 6:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2010 meeting, Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. R. Jerram, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. D. Jerram. Nay: None. Abstention: Mrs. Kenneson. Motion passed.

APPROVE
MINUTES
11/10/10

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on December 3, 2010. Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot. Nay: None. Abstention: Mr. D. Jerram, Mr. R. Jerram, Mrs. Yard. Motion Passed.

APPROVE
SPECIAL
MEETING
12/3/2010

Student Representative Lindsay Humphrey reported the Junior Class will be Sponsoring a "FUN NIGHT", on December 16, 2010. All students, faculty and their children are invited. The T-shirt design for the school was voted on by the Junior Class Representatives and will represent all Northwestern students.

STUDENT REP
REPORT

Student Representative Lior Trestman reported the first Artistic Tile has been placed by the Green Team. It is located near the Science hallway.

STUDENT REP
REPORT

Northwestern's Math Team won third place in a competition held in Brookfield. Winter sports have started.

Congratulations to Gilbert/NW Regional Football Team for placing in the semi finals. Many fans were present to support the team as they pursued Hillhouse High on December 4, 2010. Final score, Hillhouse 42, Gilbert/NW Regional, 14.

Middle School Principal, Ms. Perez, stated the Middle School is in full swing and moving along steadily. Many projects are in the works. Rachel's Challenge, will be presented in February 2011 to all students.

MS
PRINCIPAL
PEREZ

The Middle School Holiday Concert will be held December 9, 2010, the High School will follow. Professional development/training is ongoing, the Curriculum Committee is meeting on December 14, 2010 where the science curriculum is being discussed.

CONCERT
CURR.
CTME

The Veterans Day celebration was a great success. Turkey baskets collected were bountiful and much appreciated by all.

TURKEY
BASKETS

Ms. Perez stated that the ongoing generosity from the community and parents is tremendous. At present donations are being accepted for the Holiday Angels. This program benefits the children in all of our regional towns.

HOLIDAY
ANGELS

High School Principal, Mr. Chichester, reported on Teen Driving Safety Week. The PE/Health Department featured video's shown by Troop B State Police Department. Students signed pledges, "Not to Drive Distracted". This focuses on recent news and increased accidents occurring when using cell phones and texting while driving.

HS PRINCIPAL
CHICHESTER

Mr. Chichester is looking for 50 "Plungers" from Northwestern to join him in the Penguin Plunge on February 5, 2011. This challenge benefits the Special Olympics.

PENGUIN
PLUNGE

Several projects are in the works: 1) to reduce teen drinking in conjunction with the McCall Foundation and 2) Courageous Parenting Course- a four week course for parents to be offered in January.

Peer Mentoring, a program for academic support, at present is held after school for students. Upper classmen volunteer to help students who need assistance in academic areas. Mrs. Eileen Parisi is coordinator of the present program. The program has been a great success, and Mr. Chichester is requesting to expand the program during the school day. Peer mentoring has been well accepted at Northwestern and may be offered as a credit (1/4) course in the future for students who qualify.

PEER
MENTORING

Project Graduation received a donation of \$2000.00 from the Golf Classic sponsored by Canton Valley Dental Group.

DONATION

Superintendent Palmer reported on her meetings with Department Chairs. She discussed the concern for lack of electives offered in the High School, especially for the freshman and the need for Math support. Superintendent Palmer will present a history of electives and an overview to the Board of Education in January.

SUPT.
REPORT

Superintendent Palmer met with Winsted Police Chief, Robert M Scannell to discuss school/student safety.

SCHOOL
SAFETY

The Alert Now Email Message has been tested and is ready for Northwestern's communication with the communities, i.e. delays, inclement weather, closings, and emergencies.

ALERT
NOW

Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Newbury, updated the Board of Education on the Capitol Plan. The most recent long-term list was presented to be reviewed. A new priority one includes an oil tank replacement.

DIR. OF
FINANCE

Mr. Newbury discussed roof repairs and is included on the long term list of the Capitol plan.

CAPITAL
PLAN

Mrs. Dorazio updated the Board on the Regionalization Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2010 at the Colebrook Town Hall at 7 p.m. Committees

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will be presenting compiled information and research.

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Superintendent Palmer presented the updated 2011-2012, 2012-2013 School Calendars. CALENDERS

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously to approve the changes made to the 2011-2012 and 2012 -2013 school calendars as reviewed by Superintendent Palmer. MOTION APPROVED

New Business – None Reported NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence – None Reported CORRESPONDENCE

Public – None PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. D Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Kenneson, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. D Jerram, Mr. R Jerram, Mr. Lanctot, Superintendent Palmer, and Director of Finance and Operations Newbury. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. D. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. PUBLIC

MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted

Kaye M. Sweeney