

**Regional School District No. 7  
Board of Education Minutes  
December 9, 2009  
Newbury Library Media Center  
6:30 P.M.**

**Present:**

Molly Sexton Read	Barkhamsted	
Mark Lanctot	Barkhamsted	
Daniel Jerram	New Hartford	
Rob Jerram	New Hartford	
Don Tarrant	Norfolk	
Tara Yard	Norfolk	
Clint Montgomery	Superintendent of Schools	
Roger Newbury	Director of Finance	excused due to weather
Wayne Conner	High School Principal	excused due to weather
Candy Perez	Middle School Principal	excused due to weather
Shelby Mainville	Student Representative	excused due to weather
Lior Trestman	Student Representative	excused due to weather

**Absent:**

Theresa Kenneson	Colebrook
Janice Dorazio	Colebrook

<b><u>DISCUSSION</u></b>	<b><u>ISSUE</u></b>
<p>The Board of Education (BOE) meeting was preceded by the annual organizational meeting. Mr. Montgomery opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. by calling for nominations for Chairperson for the BOE.</p> <p><b>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to nominate Molly Sexton Read for Chair. No other nominations were made. MOTION by Mr. Dan Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to close nominations. MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to elect Molly Sexton Read as Chair of the Board of Education.</b></p>	<p>ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</p> <p>MOLLY SEXTON READ, BOARD CHAIR</p>
<p>Ms. Sexton Read called for nominations for Vice-Chair for the BOE.</p> <p><b>MOTION by Mr. Dan Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Yard, to nominate Janice Dorazio for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, and passed unanimously, to close nominations. MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, and passed unanimously, to elect Janice Dorazio as Vice Chair of the Board of Education.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Ms. Sexton Read, to nominate Don Tarrant for Secretary/Treasurer. No other nominations were made. MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Ms. Sexton Read, and passed unanimously, to close nominations. MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Ms. Sexton Read, and passed unanimously, to elect Don Tarrant as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Education.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to bond the Treasurer in the amount of \$250,000.00.</b></p>	<p>JANICE DORAZIO, BOARD VICE CHAIR</p> <p>DON TORRANT, BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER</p> <p>BONDING OF TREASURER</p>

It was decided that the appointments to Standing Committees and delegate assignments will be made at a subsequent meeting.	
No changes were made to the current calendar of BOE meeting.	
Ms. Sexton Read declared the organizational meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.	ADJOURN
Ms. Sexton-Read called the regular BOE meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.	OPENING OF THE BOE MEETING
<b>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Ms. Yard, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2009 as presented. Aye: Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Dan Jerram, Mr. Lanctot, Ms. Yard. Nay: None. Abstention: Mr. Rob Jerram. Motion passed.</b>	MINUTES 11/18/09
No Report	STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
No Report	PRINCIPAL REPORTS
Mr. Montgomery provided a report on the following issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Status of the solar project: groSolar expects to have the remaining panels in place by Friday unless the weather interferes with installation. On Saturday, they will make the connection from the two outside inverters to the switch gears inside our building. CLP will be present as well to monitor the connection process. I have asked that Saturday activities be canceled unless they are critical. groSolar feels that they are on schedule to complete the project before the new year.</li> <li>2. Grants: A meeting was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> with managers from CLP to work on a grant for increasing the Green Sciences Teacher's time from part time to full time and to design a Green work force plan with NCCC. There were twenty five stakeholders at the meeting which was facilitated by Thomas Marano from CLP/NU. In addition to the previous discussed grant we will also be working on a geothermal demonstration grant that is being offered by the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund. This grant will be released to the public in January.</li> <li>3. The re-roofing project for the Ag Ed building has been successfully completed.</li> <li>4. The observatory that was donated to the school will be moved to the parking lot just behind the school for the winter until a permanent location can be identified.</li> <li>5. The Strategic School Profiles have been finalized by the state and available for review by the BOE. Mr. Montgomery distributed copies to the BOE members for review in preparation for discussion by the principals and Shared Services director at an upcoming meeting.</li> <li>6. Preliminary, informal meetings have been established with the town officials for the month of January with the purpose of discussing early budget projections and to seek input from the towns.</li> <li>7. Status of the Wind Turbine project: The second public hearing is set for December 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>8. Mr. Montgomery also stated that he and Mr. Conner are working with an Arabic teacher with the purpose of initiating an Arabic club at NWRS. Considerable initial interest has been expressed through a survey of the students.</li> </ul>	SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S REPORT
No Report	FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Mr. Montgomery reviewed the proposed research project to be conducted by staff from the University of Connecticut. He indicated that the research involved the area of student "engagement" which is a major goal for the district in the current and coming years. He indicated that the lead professor has agreed to provide additional support and training in ameliorating	OLD BUSINESS

<p>problems in the area of student engagement. Mr. Montgomery stated that the project did not involve direct contact with students but a letter would be sent to parents allowing for them to “opt out” of the research project.</p> <p><b>MOTION by Ms. Yard, seconded by Mr. Lanctot, and passed unanimously, for the school district to take part in the UCONN research project in the area of student engagement.</b></p>	
<p>Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Sexton Read discussed the proposed process for selecting a new high school principal. Mr. Montgomery stated that the internal and external posting should be distributed prior to the holiday break. There was a discussion of the formation of the screening and interviewing committees.</p>	NEW BUSINESS
<p>Mr. Montgomery reviewed the letters received from three staff who has decided to take part in the district’s retirement incentive program. The three letters addressed were from Barbara McQueen, Lee Giordano, and Peter Favuzza. Mr. Montgomery reminded the BOE members that the deadline for notification to the superintendent is December 14, 2009.</p> <p><b>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, and passed unanimously, to accept with regret and appreciation the three letters of retirement/resignation.</b></p>	CORRESPONDENCE
<p>No public input</p>	PUBLIC
<p><b>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Ms. Yard, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations and contractual matters. Present in Executive Session: Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Tarrant, Mrs. Dorazio, Mr. Lanctot, Mrs. Yard, Mr. Rob Jerram, Mr. Dan Jerram, and Superintendent Montgomery,.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Ms. Yard, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.</b></p>	EXECUTIVE SESSION
<p><b>MOTION by Mr. Tarrant, seconded by Ms. Yard, and passed unanimously, to approve an “International Student Project” on a trial basis for up to five students.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that Mr. Montgomery will keep the BOE apprised of the progress of this new initiative.</p>	RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION
<p><b>MOTION by Mrs. Yard, seconded by Mr. Tarrant, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.</b></p>	ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

*Clint Montgomery*

Clint Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools