

**Regional School District No. 7  
Board of Education Minutes  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Newbury Library-Media Center**

**Present:**

Daniel Jerram	New Hartford
Molly Sexton-Read	Barkhamsted
Janice Dorazio	Colebrook
Theresa Kenneson	Colebrook
Mark Lanctot	Barkhamsted
Averill Cantwell	Student Representative
Shelby Mainville	Student Representative
Clint Montgomery	Superintendent of Schools
Roger Newbury	Director of Finance and Operations
Wayne Conner	High School Principal
Candy Perez	Middle School Principal

**Absent:**

Schuyler Thomson	Norfolk
Tara Yard	Norfolk
John Griffey	New Hartford

<b><u>DISCUSSION</u></b>	<b><u>ISSUE</u></b>
Mr. Jerram called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
Mrs. Sweeney – no comments	PUBLIC
MOTION by Ms. Sexton Read, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, to accept the minutes of August 27, 2008. Aye: Mrs. Kenneson, Ms. Sexton Read, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Dorazio. Nay: None. Abstention: Mr. Lanctot. Motion passed.	MINUTES for 8-27-08
Averill Cantwell provided a report regarding the opening of school for the twelfth grade and the beginning activities the class was involved in. She also reported on the activities and money collected by the HOPE club for sponsoring two children. The Senior/Parent Information Night was very helpful. Shelby Mainville provided a report regarding eleventh grade beginning activities. She reported on student council activities, the opening of the school bank and the initiation of sports events.	STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
Ms. Perez provided a brief report on the opening of the middle school. She stated that the seventh grade class is larger than expected and this has presented some challenges. She stated that the data teams have begun meeting regularly and successfully. She reported on the upcoming middle school activities, including the initiation of several individual teacher websites which have contributed to improved communication between school and home.  Mr. Conner stated that he has received letters of congratulations from the Commissioner of Education for the 39 high school students who scored at the advanced level for all four areas of the CAPT. The BOE agreed to honor these students with a reception prior to the next BOE meeting on	PRINCIPAL REPORTS

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<p>October 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roberta S. Ohotnicky Little Theater. The BOE meeting will start immediately after the reception in the same location.</p> <p>Mr. Conner also reported that there are two students who are participating in the Junior ROTC program at the Torrington High School. Although there were more students interested, the schedule limited the ability of these students to take part. He also stated that there are five students from the STEP Afterschool Program who will be participating in the Porter Chester Vocational Program in Watertown. Both these programs are at no cost to the district.</p>	
<p>Mr. Newbury provided an update on the gym floor installation indicating that payments from the insurance agency are up to date and that, as promised, they have reimbursed the district for all ancillary costs associated with the loss of the gym for the year. He explained the situation with the last coat of paint on the floor which did not adhere correctly but was reapplied over the weekend. Mr. Montgomery provided a letter that had been received by Dave Gugliotti stating that the company would return this summer to make a final correction to the paint. Mr. Newbury explained the process for redoing the painting, indicating that the gym will be fully used for the school year. He indicated that the gym will be open for a tour by the BOE members after the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Newbury provided a brief explanation of the Ag. Ed grants that are the process of updating and completion. He stated that he is requesting approval of these two grants from the BOE.</p>	<p>DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS REPORT</p>
<p>MOTION by Ms. Sexton Read, seconded by Mrs. Dorazio, and passed unanimously, to accept Vocational Agriculture Grant 207-027 as complete and authorize the Superintendent or his designee to submit the completed grant to the Department of Education for final payment.</p>	<p>AG ED GRANT 207-027</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Sexton Read, and passed unanimously, to accept Vocational Agriculture Grant 207-029 as complete and authorize the Superintendent or his designee to submit the completed grant to the Department of Education for final payment.</p>	<p>AG ED GRANT 207-029</p>
<p>Mr. Montgomery pointed out the change in the <u>superintendent’s guide to the BOE agenda</u>. He stated, at the request of the BOE, the document will include information that does not need to be repeated at the BOE meeting unless members request additional information or updates are necessary. He reported on the following updates:</p> <p>He expanded on Mr. Conner’s report stating that the district has made a commitment to providing additional programmatic options to students. Additional options include the MRT/EMT program at NCCC (eight students will attend in the evening), the Astronomy Class which will be offered in the evening in the Spring.</p> <p>Mr. Montgomery also reported on the recent meeting with Peter Burcat and Eric Smith from EcoStream. Mr. Montgomery provided an explanation of the Lease-Purchase Agreement proposed by EcoStream with Jordan Thomas. Mr. Jerram and Ms. Sexton Read provided information about the strengths and weaknesses of this new proposal. Mr. Montgomery repeated that the Solar Panel project’s main purpose has been educational and environmental rather than financial.</p> <p>MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mrs. Sexton Read, and passed unanimously, to sign the preliminary lease/purchase agreement with Jordan Thomas for installation of the solar energy system.</p> <p>Mr. Montgomery indicated that a meeting was held with the officers of the senior class to discuss the location for graduation. He stated that the officers indicated an initial preference for the</p>	<p>SUPERINTENDENT REPORT</p> <p>PRELIMINARY LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT SOLAR ENERGY</p>

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school gym. He stated that the students were informed that the BOE will make the final decision regarding the location for graduation. He also stated that arrangements will be made to transport some of the class officers to the Warner Theater where students can meet with theater staff to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of holding graduation at this location.	
NEW BUISNESS: Mr. Jerram suggested that, given the absence of several BOE members, that the BOE self evaluation should be tabled until a later meeting	BOE SELF EVALUATION
MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Sexton Read, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations at 8:20 p.m. Present in Executive Session: Mr. Jerram, Ms. Sexton Read, Mrs. Dorazio, Mrs. Kenneson, Mr. Lanctot, Superintendent Montgomery, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.	EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Ms. Sexton Read, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.	RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION
MOTION by Mr. Lanctot, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to accept the memorandum of agreement between the Board of Education and the Northwestern Teachers' Association on instructional leaders and transitional assistants to department chairpersons as outlined.	MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING NTA & BOE
MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to cancel the second meeting in the month of September 2008.	CANCEL 9/24/08 BOE MEETING
None	CORRESPONDENCE
Mrs. Sweeney commented on the difficulty of obtaining medical forms and information about students and the attempts made to obtain this information from students. Mr. Montgomery stated that this week the last high school student's physical form was returned only after exclusion from school became a possibility.	PUBLIC COMMENT
MOTION by Mrs. Dorazio, seconded by Mrs. Kenneson, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.	ADJOURN

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Clint Montgomery,  
Superintendent of Schools