

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
February 8, 2005

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Kenneson, High School Principal Conner, Middle School Principal Osypuk, Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, Student Representatives Amy Cimmino, Lindsey Burrill. Visitors: Mr. Tom Jokubaitis, Roger Dziedzic, Keith Boyle, Leah Smith, Daniel Wilbur, Destiny Winters, James Erisety, Shelley Lloyd.

Mr. Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak on agenda items.

PUBLIC

Mr. Tom Jokubaitis was present at the meeting to answer questions from the Board regarding his recent study of the administrative organization. A brief question and answer period followed with the Board members. Mr. Jokubaitis stated that he will be available in the future to discuss any questions that may arise as the Board members move forward with their discussions on the administrative review.

ADMIN. STUDY

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mr. Egbertson, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2004 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

APPROVE
MINUTES
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Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Roger Newbury gave a Power Point presentation which highlighted an overview of the custodial and maintenance responsibilities along with the complexities of maintaining a 241,000 square foot building. He introduced Roger Dziedzic, Custodial/ Maintenance Department Head and his Assistant Department Head Keith Boyle who in turn spoke to the Board about his staff and their individual duties. The long and short term needs were discussed as Mr. Newbury presented the Board with an updated Long Term Capital Expenditure Plan for 2005-2010.

MAINT.
RPT.

Lindsey Burrill reported that a concert will be held on February 25, 2005 to benefit the Tsunami relief effort. High School juniors will be starting courses selections soon and auditions are being held for Northwestern's production of the musical "Tommy." Amy Cimmino reported that the HOPE Club is starting a names program for seniors to participate in and Northwestern's swim team will be hosting their annual "Splash Dance" on Saturday February 12th. The Jazz band will be holding a concert at a local church in New Hartford and the Theater Parents are sponsoring a fundraiser with a flower sale for Valentine's Day.

STD.
REP.
RPT.

Middle School Principal Osypuk reported that the 2nd After School Fun Day sponsored by the Middle School PTO will be held on March 15th in the cafeteria. Grandparents Day will be held on April 6th from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A complimentary lunch will be served for our senior citizens and grandparents from our four towns. Parent's Day will be held on April 28th with a breakfast buffet in the Little Theater at 7:30 a.m.

MS
RPT.

Mr. Osypuk introduced Mr. Dan Wilbur Social Studies teacher with Team Endeavor, and Mrs. Leah Smith, English teacher with Team Atlantis to the Board members. Mrs. Smith spoke to the Board about the persuasive essay project that her students were involved in and introduced her students Destiny Winters and James Erisety, who in turn read their essays to the Board members.

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Mr. Wilbur spoke to the Board members about the Town Meetings, Student Council and the Holiday Angel project that his students are involved in. He gave a brief slide presentation showing his students shopping for holiday gifts that were given to children from local families. The Middle School students raised over \$3,000.00 to purchase gifts. MS RPT.

High School Principal Conner reported that the midterm exam schedule has been successfully completed. School to Career Coordinator JoAnn Delaini is planning a "Career Fair Tent" to be held on May 5, 2005. Mrs. Barbara McQueen of the Guidance Department has been meeting with juniors to begin planning for college selection. The HOPE Club is sponsoring World Diversity Week II beginning February 14th thru the 18th. Guest speakers will be in the Little Theater at 10:00 a.m. Claudia Mossman and Sarah Viets are organizing a fundraiser to benefit the Tsunami relief fund. HS RPT.

Dr. Ohotnicky reported that the Cafeteria staff held a Mardi Gras Day on Tuesday and she commended the staff on their efforts to make the cafeteria a more creative environment. Dr. Ohotnicky stated that the State Department of Education and Public Health will be conducting surveys on tobacco and behavior in grades 7-12. She also reported that Northwestern has been selected to receive a Technology Grant which will be used for infrastructure purposes. SUPER-INTENDENT'S RPT.

A meeting was held at Northwestern Conn. Community College for public officials to meet with the Connecticut speaker of the House to discuss concerns that officials might have on upcoming legislation. Mr. George Wilbur 1st selectman of Colebrook was instrumental in organizing this meeting. A discussion of possible pending legislation having to do with the financial disclosure clause for elected officials took place. UPDATES

MOTION by Mrs. Kenneson, seconded by Mr. Egbertson, and passed unanimously, to send as amended, a draft copy of a letter to State Representative Mr. Gerald Ferrari.

The Board members discussed and finalized the timeline for the Board of Education proposed Budget for 2005-2006. In addition to the existing timeline, meetings have been scheduled with the Boards of Finance from our four sending towns. BDGT. PROCESS

Mrs. Shelley Lloyd commented that the custodial staff has been very helpful to her when she has attended events held at the school PUBLIC

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and personnel at 10:45 p.m. EXEC. SESSION

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Present in Executive Session: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Jerram, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Kenneson, Superintendent Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury.

MOTION by Mr. Jerram, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 11:35 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Sweeney, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 p.m.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Re Johnson
Clerk