

Regional School District No. 7
Board of Education Minutes
September 28, 2004

PRESENT: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Egbertson, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Lepkowski, Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, Interim High School Principal Conner, Middle School Principal Osypuk. Visitors: Mrs. Debra McKeon, Thomas Jokubaitis.

Mr. Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC

The Board recognized Mrs. McKeon for her service to the Board as Colebrook representative.

MCKEON

Dr. Ohotnicky introduced Mr. Thomas Jokubaitis to the Board members. Mr. Jokubaitis will be conducting a review of the administrative organization. The Board members discussed what areas they would like Mr. Jokubaitis to address during his research. Mr. Jerram suggested selecting schools similar to Regional #7 as one way to determine the administrative levels. The Board also discussed what would be the administrative requirements for the High School and Middle School and if there was a variation that would be recommendable.

REVIEW
ADMIN.

Mr. Thomson wished to correct the minutes, Page Two, Paragraph Three. It was determined among the Board members that the Strategic Plan needs to be thoroughly reviewed as it is nearing the end of its span.

CORRECT
MINUTES
9/14/04

MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2004 regular meeting of the Board of Education as amended.

APPROVE
MINUTES
9/14/04

Mary Chichester, Special Education Department Head, presented a review of Special Education Services that are currently in place at Northwest Regional. Mrs. Chichester reported that are 155 students enrolled in the program in both the Middle and High School. She spoke briefly about the PPT which is used to place students in the appropriate program tailored for their individual learning needs. Mrs. Chichester explained to the Board members that there are 22 students enrolled in the "After School Program" which meets from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30p.m. These students can earn 4 academic credits and 1 vocational credit in the program and can transition back to day school when they have met the behavioral standards and expectations of day school.

CURR.
RPTS.

Mr. Don Wass, of the Art Department gave the Board members an overview of what is currently taking place in the Art Department. Mr. Wass spoke of the current interest in the visual arts and how students are working with "Adobe Atmosphere" a software program that allows students to create environments that you can virtually "walk" around in. The honors art students have constructed virtual art galleries for their work that can be visited by college representatives.

The Board members were reminded that the CABA/CAPSS Convention will be held on November 12-13, 2004.

CABA
CAPSS
CONV.

- The Board members discussed the first reading of Policy #5127, Graduation Requirements. A vote on the policy will take place at the next Board of Education meeting on October 12, 2004. POLICY #5127
- The Board of Education Goals were distributed to the Board members to review. Mrs. Lafave, Mrs. Yard, and Mr. Jerram have agreed to participate on the newly established Newsletter Committee. 2004-05 GOALS
- A letter of resignation was received from Middle School Social Studies teacher Mr. Armand Maniccia. CORRESPONDENCE
- MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mrs. Yard, and passed unanimously, to accept with best wishes, Mr. Maniccia's letter of resignation.
- There were no members of the Public present who wished to speak on agenda items. PUBLIC
- MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 8:25 p.m. EXEC. SESSION
- Present in Executive Session: Superintendent Dr. Roberta S. Ohotnicky, Director of Finance and Operations Newbury, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Egbertson, Mr. Jerram, Mrs. Yard, Mrs. Lepkowski.
- MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to come out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.
- MOTION by Mr. Egbertson, seconded by Mr. Jerram, and passed unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Re Johnson
Clerk