REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THE LEARNING CENTER

Board Members Present:
Joseph Arcuri – Chairman
Kathy Deprey
Jeanne Doerr
Beth Duffy
Paul Omichinski
Phillip Penn
Ted Scheidel
Raymond Sikora - Vice Chairman

Absent:
Noel Carmody
Elaine Schiavone

Also Present:
Alan Beitman       Superintendent of Schools
Michael Landry     Assistant Superintendent
David Lenihan      Business Manager
Stephen Sikora     Student Representative

Chairman of the Board, Joseph Arcuri, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognition of Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership conference Award Recipients:
Mr. Beitman introduced Mrs. Angelicola-Manzolli, Lewis S. Mills FBLA advisor. Mrs. Angelicola-Manzolli introduced the students who won an award at the state leadership conference. Mr. Zachary Goldberg, LSM student, introduced each student and identified the award they had won.

COMMUNICATIONS

Student Representative Report:
Mr. Stephen Sikora reported that the fourth quarter has begun at the high school, spring sports are in full swing, and that over the April break the LSM band went to Florida and marched in Disney where they participated in an adjudication ceremony. The Big Band Bash is coming up in May and junior prom will be held on April 24th.

CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent's Report:
Mr. Beitman reported that due to end of year ceremonies and events, the last two (2) days of school (June 21 & June 22) will be early dismissal days at all four (4) Region 10 schools. He also indicated that there are no changes to the 2010-2011 Estimate of Expenses.

A motion to approve the minutes from the following meetings and to accept the following retirements and resignations was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed.
Motion carries. (7/0/0)

Meeting Minutes:
Budget Meeting of March 1, 2010
Regular Board of Education meeting of March 8, 2010
Budget Meeting of March 15, 2010
Special Meeting of the Alternative Learning Sub-Committee of March 15, 2010
April 5, 2010 Public Hearing
April 5, 2010 Budget Meeting – Amended Minutes
Financial report dated March 31, 2010

Resignations and Retirements:
Mr. Pat Howley, retirement
Mrs. Kelly Klem, resignation
Ms. Karissa Niehoff, resignation
Mr. Anthony Mitchell, resignation

Mr. Art Symonds, Lewis S. Mills Civics teacher, reported that he had invited two (2) guest speakers to address his civics class. He reported that Mr. Arcuri, Chairman of the Board of Education, spoke to his class about how the Board of Education operates and what their function is.

Mrs. Janet Burritt requested an opportunity to speak when the Board addresses the Harwinton Consolidated School roof replacement.

Energy Education:
Mr. Lenihan reviewed the final Energy Education proposal. He indicated that he had contacted all of the references that Energy Education provided and that he had also contacted business managers that he knew in other districts who utilize the Energy Education Program. He indicated that the program is working in the other districts and that the business managers reported that despite initial skepticism, the program does seem to work. Mr. Lenihan recommended that the Board proceed with approving the Energy Education Program. Mr. Lonnie Palmer, Energy Education Executive Director, answered the Board’s questions regarding the program.

A motion to approve the recommendation of the business manager to enter into a contract with Energy Education was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Ms. Deprey. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)

Facilities Committee and Harwinton Consolidated Roof Replacement:
Mr. Beitman requested that the Board form a committee to address the replacement of the Harwinton Consolidated School roof. Mr. Omichinski indicated that a committee already exists (The Facilities Committee) but he invited everyone to take an active role in the project. A meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2010. Mrs. Janet Burritt of Harwinton addressed the Board. She presented a roof study that was done by Mr. Robert Lamson in 1994. She requested that an individual supervise the roof replacement to insure that the work is done correctly. Mr. Beitman indicated that he would get copies of the roof replacement report to the Board members.
A **motion** to authorize the existing Facilities Committee to discuss the replacement of the Harwinton Consolidated School roof was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. (7/0/0)

**Approval of the 2010-2011 Board of Education Meeting Schedule:**
A **motion** to approve the 2010-2011 Board of Education meeting Schedule was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. (7/0/0)

**NEASC Report Presentation:**
Ms. Niehoff, Principal Lewis S. Mills High School, presented an overview of the NEASC report. She highlighted some of the committee’s recommendations and commendations. She indicated that all standards were met in an outstanding way. Ms. Niehoff answered the Board’s questions. The Board thanked Ms. Niehoff, Mrs. Lazaroski, and the LSM staff for their hard work and contributions throughout the process.

**Naviance Software Review:**
Mrs. Lazaroski reported on the Naviance Software program which aids guidance counselors, students, and parents in the college selection process. She presented a cost comparison to the Board of what the current system’s cost and what Naviance would cost. She indicated that she spoke with several other districts that use Naviance and that, in fact, most surrounding districts use this software and were happy with it. She indicated that the advantage to using this software is that the information is stored in one place and, therefore, it is easier to utilize the information. Also, the software could be used to track trends for the school.

Mr. Beitman recommended that the Board wait until after the approval of the budget to take a closer look at approving funding. This way they would know exactly where funds can be transferred from to cover the additional expense. This item will be placed on the May 10, 2010 agenda.

**Board of Education Policy 3512.2 – Use of Athletic Playing Fields:**
Mr. Beitman presented the new policy to the Board which they requested during the budget process. This item will be placed on the May 10 agenda for action.

**CREC:**
Mrs. Duffy presented the CREC committee report which focused on the “Race to the Top” grant funds. The “Race to the Top” application will be placed on the May 10 agenda.

**Alternative Learning Committee:**
Mrs. Doerr presented the Alternative Learning Committee report. They are working on developing a survey to be completed by students.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries (7/0/0)
The meeting ended at 10:08 pm
Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanne Doerr, Secretary

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