Regional School District #10
Board of Education Minutes
September 13, 2010 Board of Education Meeting
The Learning Center

Board Members Present:
Joseph Arcuri – Chairman
Noel Carmody
Kathy Deprey
Jeanne Doerr
Paul Omichinski
Ted Scheidel
Ray Sikora, Vice Chairman
Elaine Schiavone

Absent:
Phil Penn
Beth Duffy

Also Present:
Alan Beitman  Superintendent of Schools
Michael Landry  Assistant Superintendent
David Lenihan  Business Manager
Jordon Brault  Student Representative
Rebecca Spitz  Student Representative

Chairman of the Board, Joseph Arcuri, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:33 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Beitman introduced Rebecca Spitz, the new student representative to the Region 10 Board of Education. Ms. Spitz thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as a student representative.

Mr. Beitman introduced Elizabeth Jankoski, Region 10’s teacher of the year. Mrs. Jankoski commented that she was especially proud to have been chosen to represent the district as teacher of the year because there are so many great teachers in Region 10.

Mr. Beitman introduced Mrs. Phyllis Jones, Wellness Coordinator, to introduce the Connecticut Associations of Schools 2010 Wellness and Physical Education Teacher of the year, Ms. Kelly Smith. Mrs. Jankoski and Ms. Smith will be honored at two separate ceremonies before their colleagues and state officials.

New Staff Introductions:
Mr. Beitman read a letter to the Board from Mrs. Diane Premus, a new grade 5 Har-Bur Middle School. Mrs. Premus was unable to attend the Board’s new teacher reception, therefore, she conveyed her appreciation through her letter.

Mr. Lenihan introduced Mrs. Dolores Allocca, Director of Food Services, who introduced her two new staff members, Mrs. Cindy McAuliffe, who will be working in the cafeteria at Lake Garda and Mrs.
Elizabeth Daly who will be working in the cafeteria at the Lewis Mills/Har-Bur complex.
Mr. Beitman introduced Mr. Robert Choiniere, Principal Lake Garda School, who introduced his new teacher, Mrs. Michele Deeb, grade 4 teacher.
Mr. Beitman introduce Mrs. Maureen Dodd, Principal Harwinton Consolidated School, who introduced Miss Catherine Irwin, Special Education teacher, and Ms. Tiffany Albert, grade 4 teacher.
Mr. Kenneth M. Smith, Principal Har-Bur Middle School, introduced his new teachers, Ms. Laurie Claffin, Grade 5 teacher, Miss Katherine Agostine, grade 8 math teacher, and Miss Allison Klaus, grade 6 language arts teacher.
Mrs. Pamela Lazaroski, Principal Lewis S. Mills High School introduced her new staff members, Mrs. Denise Melanson, attendance secretary, Mr. Matthew Krampitz, English teacher, Miss Kristen Carlson, English teacher, Mr. Xie Xian, Chinese teacher, Mr. Nick Teodosio, math teacher, and Ms. Brianna Plosky, guidance counselor.
Mr. Beitman and the Board welcomed all of the new staff members and commented that the administration is thrilled to have such talented and dedicated new staff members joining the Region 10 team.

Superintendent's Report:

Staffing Update:
Mr. Beitman reported that Region 10 is fully staffed at this time. He indicated that there is one leave of absence in grade 2 at Lake Garda School that they are in the process of filling. He stated that given the unfortunate economy we had a very strong pool of candidates to choose from.

Enrollment Update:
Mr. Beitman reported that, to date, the superintendent's office has disenrolled approximately 30 students since the start of the 2008 school year. He indicated that enrollment is down from last year. Region 10’s total enrollment is currently 2,765 compared to 2,847 on October 1, 2009. He detailed that Lake Garda Elementary School, Harwinton Consolidated School, and Har-Bur Middle School saw a small dip in enrollment while enrollment at Lewis S. Mills High School saw a slight increase. He stated that October 1 is the official date for which the State of Connecticut records enrollment numbers and that he will report the official enrollment numbers at the Regularly Scheduled October 18th meeting.

Student Representative Report:
Mr. Jordon Brault reported that the CIAC fall sport season officially begins on September 14th. He reported that the football team will have their first varsity home game at Muzzy Field on Saturday, September 18th. He indicated that there are two (2) new Spartans for the 10-11 school year and that the participation rate for fall sports is at 270. The sports forms were completed electronically for the first time this year and that process went very well.
Miss Rebecca Spitz reported that yesterday, September 12, was the Town of Burlington’s Tavern Day and the Lewis S. Mills’ marching band performed successfully before a large crowd. She further reported that the Lewis S. Mills Marching will be competing in the Bristol Mum parade on Sunday, September 26th and the Fall Foliage Festival Parade in North Adams, MA on October 3rd. She reported that the Lewis Mills Welcome Back Dance was very successful and that there was a very good turnout.

**C**onsent Agenda

A motion to approve the amended minutes from the August 23, 2010 Regular Board of Education Meeting, the one year leave of absence for Mrs. Amy Ludwig, and the financial report dated August 31, 2010, was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (6/0/1) Mr. Sikora abstained from approval of the minutes due to his absence from the 8/23/10 meeting.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

**A**ction

**Superintendent’s Goals:**

Mr. Beitman presented his goals for the 2010-2011 school year. The Board discussed the goals and commended Mr. Beitman for presenting such productive and constructive goals.

A motion to approve the superintendent’s goals for the 2010-2011 school year was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries (7/0/0)

**Region 10 Board of Education Committees:**

Mr. Beitman indicated that Board members should contact Mr. Arcuri if they are interested in serving on any of the committees or if they would like additional information regarding any of the committees. This item will be placed on the October agenda for approval.

**Food Service Update:**

Mr. Lenihan reported that Regional School District #10 has a very successful school lunch program. He commented about the “state-of-the-art” kitchen that was built during the renovation project. He reported that revenues have exceeded expenditures for the past few years and the State of Connecticut has guidelines governing excess funds. Because our revenues were exceeding the allowed limit, it was decided that the revenues would be used to purchase new equipment for Lake Garda School and Harwinton Consolidated School to update their facilities. Mrs. Allocca, Director of Food Services, spoke about the State’s pilot nutrition program that Region 10 was a part of. She spoke about the wide variety of high quality food that is served in each of the cafeterias.

**Revisions to Board of Education Adopted TEVAL:**

Mr. Beitman presented a letter that he drafted which will accompany the TEVAL document. He said that at the February 2011 Board of Education meeting they would like to bring the TEVAL document back to the Board for review.

**Business**
Board of Education Goals:
Mr. Beitman indicated that the Board will be meeting at the end of October to finalize their three-year goals. He said that he would send the notes and information from the last goals meeting for the members to build off of.

CMT/CAPT and AYP Review:
Mr. Landry presented an overview of the CMT/CAPT and AYP testing results. He explained that key staff members at each school examine the detailed data and from that evaluation, plans are developed for how to improve instruction and learning. The scores are quite good overall and Region 10 continues to show improvement each year. Mr. Beitman reported that two (2), part-time math tutors will be hired at the elementary schools through the use of federal grant funds to target improvement in the area of math.

Committee Meetings:
Various committees reported on when their first meetings for the 2010-2011 school year are scheduled.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Carmody and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)

The meeting ended at 9:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Doerr, Secretary

Date

10/18/10