Vice Chairman of the Board, Raymond Sikora, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Student Representative Report:**
Ms. Rebecca Spitz reported that the annual Lewis S. Mills High School Honor’s Breakfast will be held on May 12 at 6:45am in the cafeteria, she also reported that the CT Colt Rhyme Celebration hosted by Lewis Mills High School was a great success and that honors night will be celebrated on May 18 at 7pm in the auditorium. Mr. Jordon Brault reported that on Thursday, May 12 Lewis S. Mills High School would be holding a mock crash. He also reported that the Junior/Senior prom will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Farmington Club, and the National Honor Society will be hosting a film festival on Friday, May 20 at 7:30pm in the LSM auditorium.

**Superintendent’s Report:**
**Presentation of the 2011-2012 Estimate of Expenses:**
Mr. Beitman reported on the State’s budget “Plan B”. He indicated that should the state move forward with Plan B it could significantly impact ECS funding.

**Recognition:**
The Board and the administration recognized Mrs. Alyce Barlowski, Region 10 Math Coordinator. Each semester the University of
Bridgeport student teaching supervisors and student teachers nominate cooperating teachers who they found to be exemplary in their mentoring during the student teaching process. The nominees are then considered for the Outstanding Cooperating Teacher of the Year award. At the end of the spring semester, cooperating teachers are selected for this award from the various certification areas. Mrs. Alyce Barlowski was selected to receive the Secondary Outstanding Cooperating Teacher of the Year award for the academic year 2010-2011.

**Consent Agenda:**
A motion to approve the following consent agenda was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy:
The minutes for the Regular Board of Education meeting of April 11, 2011, the minutes for the Budget Hearing of April 4, 2011, the minutes for the special meeting A and B of April 14, 2011.
Approval of the financial report dated April 30, 2011.
Approval of Leaves & Appointments:
Retirement of Brenda Kleinman, Lewis Mills English teacher
Retirement of Cheryl Lamb, Grade 1 Teacher Lake Garda School
Retirement of Sue Amato, Grade 5 Teacher Har-Bur Middle School
Appointment of Jennine Lupo, Lewis S. Mills AP Physics Teacher

Seven in favor none opposed one abstention. Motion carries. (7/0/1)

There was no public participation.

**Discussion on Participation in Connecticut Nutrition Program:**
Mr. Lenihan reported on past practice as it relates to participation in the State's Healthy Food Program.

A motion to respectfully decline participation in the State of Connecticut's Nutrition Program was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Deprey. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

**Discussion of Beverages Sold to Students in Schools:**
Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that any beverages sold to students on school premises must meet state beverage requirements at all times and from all sources including, but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, a la carte sales in school cafeterias, concessions and any fundraising activities on school premises regardless of whether they are sponsored by the school or an outside group. The beverages that are allowed fall into five categories which include milk, nondairy milks, 100% fruit juice and vegetable juice, water and beverages that contain only water and fruit or vegetable juice. Beverages not meeting the requirements of state statute 10-221q can be sold only if the Board of Education votes to allow exemptions provided that certain conditions are met with regard to time of sale and point of sale.
A motion to approve the exemption with respect to school beverages, sold at school concession stands, was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Scheidel. Seven (7) in favor, one (1) opposed. Motion carries. (7/1/0)

Appointment of the Auditor:
Mr. Lenihan recommended the Board of Education appoint Carlin, Charron & Rosen, LLP to conduct an audit for FY2010-2011. This firm has been providing auditing services to Region 10 for the past thirteen (13) years. Their fee will remain at $31,000.

A motion to appoint Carlin, Charron & Rosen, LLP to conduct an audit for the FY2010-2011 was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Turner. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

Return of Surplus for FY2009-2010:
In June of 2010 Mr. Lenihan reported that he expected a small surplus. Since the audit is now complete, he officially reported that the final expenditure surplus in the General Fund was $29,165 as a result of positive expense activity for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Mr. Lenihan explained that the Board could now vote to refund the funds through an offset to the towns’ June 2011 payments as follows: Burlington - $19,351 and Harwinton $9,814.

A motion to direct the Superintendent of Schools to provide a refund of the fiscal year 2009-2010 final expenditure surplus in the General Fund of $19,351 and $9,814 to the towns of Burlington and Harwinton, respectively. Such refunds will be reflected as credits against the June 6, 2011 payments due Region 10 from the towns was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Scheidel. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

Approval of Modification to 10-11 School Year Calendar of Half-Day Sessions on June 15 and June 16 and a Half-Day Session on June 17 for Lake Garda School Only:
Mr. Beitman explained that due to graduation ceremonies and end of year activities he is once again recommend that the last two days of school be half days as has been the long-standing practice in Region 10. He indicated that Lake Garda School would be required to attend one additional day due to the school closing when Mrs. Karen Ducoteys’s funeral was held. Mr. Penn indicated that he received feedback that because there were so many full days cancelled due to inclement weather; some parents felt that the last two days of school should be full days and not half days. Mr. Beitman indicated that after issuing an email to staff and parents of Region 10 he received only two requests for full days.

A motion to leave June 15, 2011 as a full session day, to approve June
16 as a district-wide half-day and June 17 as a half-day for Lake Garde School was made by Mrs. Turner and was seconded by Mrs. Depre. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

**Approval of the Lewis S. Mills 2012 Home-Stay Exchange Spain Trip:**
Mr. Beitman recommended that the Spring 2012 Home-Stay Exchange Spain Trip be approved by the Board of Education. A motion to approve the Lewis S. Mills 2012 Home-Stay Exchange Spain Trip was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

**Approval of the Lewis S. Mills Computer Science Course:**
This item was moved from the business section of this agenda to the action section of the agenda. (See below)
Mr. Beitman recommended the Board approve the new Lewis S. Mills High School Computer Science Course recommended by the curriculum committee. He indicated there would be one honors section this coming year and one additional AP section offered in the following year.

A motion to approve the Lewis S. Mills High School Computer Science course was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mrs. Doerr. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

**Review of the School Nutrition Food Service Operations:**
Mr. Lenihan introduced Mrs. Dolores Allocco, Director of School Nutrition and Food Services. Mrs. Allocco indicated that state health officials inspected all Region 10 cafeteria facilities and all schools passed completely. She reported that 26 of her staff members have gone for their safe serve certification and that they are taking their exam next week. She said they had added some new items to the menu this year. Mrs. Allocco distributed a lunch price survey in which Region 10 prices compared very favorably to other school districts. She said that Region 10 will not need to raise their school lunch prices next school year. Mr. Lenihan reviewed the fiscal operations for the two years 09-10 and year to date 10-11. Mr. Lenihan publicly thanked Mrs. Allocco and her staff for their quality operations. Mrs. Allocco said that working for David Lenihan has made her life easier here and publically commended him.

**Review of E-Reader Policy #6166:**
Mr. Beitman indicated that this policy is a result of Region 10’s effort to keep up with technology. This item will be placed on the June 13th agenda for approval.

**New Music Class Proposal:**
Mr. Deeb presented an overview of the newly proposed music class that will be an ensemble class. It will utilize more contemporary music, primarily rock. This class will address all facets of the music industry.
It is at no cost to the district. An existing teacher will teach the class. The curriculum committee has approved and is recommending the class for the Board’s approval. This item will be placed on the June 13th agenda for approval.

**Facilities/Building Committee:**
Mr. Omichinski reported that the facilities/building committee met on April 19 and the committee had approved the revised building specs for the two roof projects as well as cost estimates and the committee agreed to move forward with the plan including sending plans to the State of Connecticut for grand approval. The committee also reviewed scheduling of the project.

A **motion** to adjourn to executive session was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

A **motion** to return to public session was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Doerr, Secretary

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Date