

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, June 12, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Phillip Penn, Chairman
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman
Corey Rewenko
Eleanor (Elle) Parente
John Vecchitto
Susan Baccaro
Bruce Guillemette
Brooke Joiner
Paul Omichinski

Absent:

John Goodno

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
Brian Drisdelle, Student Representative
Savanna Arcuri, Student Representative
Patricia George, Recording Secretary

- I. Call to Order:
Board Chairman, Phillip Penn called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
Mr. Penn led the pledge.
- III. Recognitions:
A celebratory recognition was had for the district's retiring staff members, the 2017 Youth and Community Development awardees and the newly appointed, Teacher-of-the-Year. A token of appreciation was provided to all.

Brief Recess: 7:28 p.m.
Reconvened 7:33 p.m.

IV. Communications:

A. Student Representatives' Reports:

1. Departing student representative, Brian Drisdelle, offered his last report to the Board which contained information on end-of-year activities including final exams, graduation, inductions for National Honor Society and National Foreign Language Honor Society, athletic standings, and the election of club officers. Yearbooks have been distributed and the students are excited to finish out the school year and begin their summer respite.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Beitman reported that a state budget has still not been decided upon; therefore, he was not able to share any details regarding revenues, cuts, or reductions. That being said, the district is preparing to move ahead with the opening of school in the fall. Plans are to hire a kindergarten teacher at Lake Garda School with the money set aside in the 2017/2018 reserve budget account; the hiring of a kindergarten teacher at Harwinton Consolidated is currently on hold until it is deemed necessary to do so.

The district adopted a policy to address twelfth grade students who become nonresident students during the course of their senior year. There were four students during the 16/17 school year who applied for consideration and who were allowed to continue their studies in Region 10 as seniors. Superintendent Beitman shared their post-secondary education plans and the length of time they remained in the district.

V. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

A. Regular meeting dated Monday, May 8, 2017

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Corey Rewenko to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. Items exhibited were:

- The financial reports for May 2017;
- A one year leave of absence requested by Amy Cleveland, Music Teacher, Har-Bur Middle School for the 2017/2018 school year;
- The resignations of Kristin Coffman, Grade 3 Teacher at Lake Garda School; and Lindsey Small, Math Teacher at Lewis S. Mills High School; both effective with the conclusion of the 2016/2017 school year

- A retirement request made by Ellen Coville, Reading Teacher, Lewis S. Mills High School, effective July 1, 2017
- The appointments of:
 - Margaret Dunlop, Special Education Teacher, HBMS, renewal
 - Bobbi Brown, Special Education Teacher, LSM, renewal
 - Meredith Porri, Language Arts Teacher, LSM, renewal
 - Renee Turley, Science Coordinator, HBMS/LSM, renewal
 - Danielle Riley, Elementary Teacher, HCS, renewal
 - Michael Dallis, Elementary Teacher, LGS, renewal
 - Jaclyn Nolan, Elementary Teacher, LGS, renewal
 - Sarah Urso, World Language Teacher, LSM
 - Rebecca Edwards, Math Teacher, LSM
 - Monica Reed, Math Teacher, LSM
 - Laura Roosevelt, Speech and Language Pathologist, LSM

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Participation:

There was no public participation

VIII. Business:

A. Proposed Middle School Conference Schedule Change

Principal, Kenneth Smith and several members of the Teacher Leadership Council addressed the Board with a proposal to tackle a number of issues surrounding the current parent/teacher conference schedule at the middle school. By altering the current conference schedule to include one early dismissal day, those areas of concern would be addressed and provide for a more efficient and accommodating schedule for parents and teachers.

The item will move to an action item on the August agenda.

B. Lewis S. Mills Updates for 2017/2018

Superintendent Beitman prefaced the commentary by stating that it was important to apprise the Board of any structural changes that may occur at the schools. Principal Christopher Rau of Lewis S. Mills High School was present to discuss several changes he felt would make the high school an even stronger institution with a focus on improving student life.

Those changes included (Wellness) moving to three absences from 2 before loss of credit; Assistant Principal will handle attendance appeals - no longer using "Appeals Board structure; National Honor Society will move to a 3.8 GPA from 3.6 to qualify academically; three unexcused tardies to class will now receive only disciplinary consequences, no longer will count as an absence and lastly, a slight change to Day 5 schedule, which would include a Pride Block.

C. SAT Update

Principal Christopher Rau provided a commentary on a handout that was included in the board packet regarding a SAT update. Preliminary results from the School Day SAT taken by juniors in April were noted. A more detailed report will be provided in the fall once the numbers are released for all of the districts so that points of comparison could be depicted.

D. Policy 5141.5/4141 Wellness

The policy and regulations are being presented this evening for a first review. Superintendent Beitman asked that the Board examine the information over the summer.

Phyllis Jones, the Wellness Coordinator for the district, was available and stated that she and several members of the subcommittee, which was comprised of parents, students, and school nurses have worked on the policy for several months. Ms. Jones and several others attended a workshop sponsored by the state and followed their recommendations as the committee framed the latest edits in the policy. It was subsequently given to the Board's attorney for review.

It is anticipated that the policy will be brought back to the Board at their August meeting for adoption.

E. Policy 5141.5A/4141A Wellness Administrative Regulations
Informational

F. Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update

The last update of the 2016/2017 year was given by Mr. Robert Gauvain and Ms. Stacy Begert. The committee has been restructured by saying goodbye to four of its current members from each building with four new members coming on board. They thanked the Board for supporting their efforts.

IX. Action Items:

- A. A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Thomas Fausel to cancel the July 10, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Education; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- B. A motion was made by Susan Baccaro and seconded by Eleanor Parente to accept/approve the Washington D.C. Field Trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- C. A motion was made by Thomas Fausel and seconded by Corey Rewenko to accept/approve the Bermuda Field trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

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X. Standing Board Committee Reports

A. Facilities: No report

B. Curriculum Committee: No report

C. Superintendent's Evaluation: Paul Omichinski noted that the committee was working on wrapping up and hope to do so by the 20th

D. Finance Committee: No Report

E. CREC: Minimal increase in tuition, but that is uncertain

F. Technology: The committee met on May 15 where they went over the results of a parent survey for 8-11 grades regarding bring your own device. Developed a technology three year plan.

G. Ad hoc Athletic Conference Committee

Formerly known as the CCC, Board Chair Phillip Penn asked the committee members to continue their work with the next phase.

XI. Upcoming Meetings

A. Special Meeting Tuesday, June 20, 2017

B. Regular Meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017

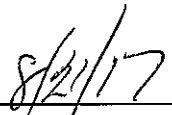
XII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Corey Rewenko and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



John Vecchitto, Secretary



Date

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The minutes are marked as DRAFT, pending Board of Education approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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Robert's Rules state, "Minutes are a record of what was done at a meeting, not a record of what was said." [RONR (11th ed.), p. 468, ll. 16-18] which is the standard for which board minutes strive. For this reason the minutes will typically not reflect the discussion surrounding a motion, only its outcome.

Additionally, Robert's Rules in brief advises "The name and subject of a guest speaker or other program may be given, but no summary of the talk." [RONRIB page 149]

Both books can be found at our local libraries for anyone interested in more information.

RSD10 Chair