

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, August 21, 2017

Board Members Present:

Phillip Penn, Chairman
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman
John Vecchitto
Susan Baccaro
Corey Rewenko
Brooke Joiner
Bruce Guillemette
Eleanor Parente

Absent:

Paul Omichinski
John Goodno

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
David Fortin, Director of Facilities
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
Student Representative, Savanna Arcuri
Student Representative, Sam Dorman
Patricia George, Recording Secretary

- I. Call to order
The 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 of allegiance

- III. Communications:
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Estimate of Expenses/State Update
Governor Malloy has indicated that if there is no state budget by October 1st, 85 school districts will lose all of their ECS funding. The impact to Region 10 will be in excess of 7 million dollars, which represents 20% of the district's operating expense.

The Board has directed the Superintendent to move \$500,000 from various accounts to the contingency account as a precaution to ensure the operation of the school district. Currently, a number of non-teaching positions remain open, which will not be filled until it is very clear what the state ECS funding will be.

Superintendent Beitman noted that the state's five billion dollar deficit will not be solved in one year; he forecasts the state will be in the same debacle the next 3 to 5 years.

September 11th is the week that the legislature indicated they would be prepared to vote on a budget. Absent a budget by the second or third week of September, Superintendent Beitman will ask the Board to schedule a special meeting to begin the process of looking at layoffs in the ranks of 30 to 40 staff members, at best.

Board chair, Phillip Penn, felt it is unlikely that the district will be cut the entire 7.4 million stating that it is clearly a scare tactic on the part of the governor to force the legislature to act. He did express, however, that the district will most likely lose a pretty substantial portion of those funds and in preparation, the district has designed a three tiered approach to cuts.

2. Staffing Update

All teachers have been hired including those teachers who received non-renewal notices due to lack of tenure. Eight positions remain unfilled, all of which do not directly impact instruction. New teacher orientation is scheduled for August 22nd with all certified staff returning on the 24th.

3. Enrollment Update

With the registration process still occurring, enrollment numbers remain flat in comparison to the previous year. The September board meeting should reflect a more accurate depiction.

4. Summer Projects Update

In anticipation of the budget woes, a number of summer work projects, including paving work at Harwinton Consolidated School, have been put on hold. Conversely, David Fortin, the Director of Facilities, offered a brief synopsis of work that was completed at each of the district's facilities over the summer.

- B. Student Representative Report
Sam Dorman, a junior at Lewis Mills High School, was introduced as the new student representative to the Board, while Savanna Arcuri is starting her second year.

They reported that their fellow classmates were relishing their summer respite and procrastinating on summer school work. Students are currently participating in sports practices and clubs were holding their preliminary meetings.

- IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes for:
A. Regular Meeting dated Monday, June 12, 2017
B. Special Meeting dated Tuesday, June 20, 2017
C. Special Meeting dated Monday, June 26, 2017
D. Special Meeting dated Tuesday, August 1, 2017

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

- V. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. Items exhibited included:

- A. Financial reports dated June and July 2017
- B. Notice of resignation from Jennine Lupo
- C. Notice of resignation from Rachel Schleker
- D. Appointment of JoelPatrick Leger, Social Studies Coordinator
- E. Appointment of Leslie Hubbard, Guidance Counselor
- F. Appointment of Sharon Yanosik, Social Studies Teacher
- G. Appointment of Elizabeth Hall, Grade 8 Math Teacher
- H. Appointment of Steven Yantz, Music Teacher
- I. Appointment of Caroline Luke, Art Teacher
- J. Appointment of Veena Raghuvier, Social Worker
- K. Appointment of Andrew Skinner, one-year Music Teacher
- L. Appointment of Andrew Pegg, Science Teacher
- M. Appointment of Renee Case, Speech and Language Pathologist

For the record there were no leaves of absence or retirements.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Participation

Wash Winn

Spoke to issues regarding the budget

Robin Manuele

Spoke to issues regarding the budget

Peter Thierry

Chairman of the Board of finance - Harwinton

Spoke to issues regarding the budget

The Board Chair urged those in attendance to contact their legislators to express their concerns over the cuts in state aid to Burlington and Harwinton.

VII. Actions:

A. Proposed Middle School Conference Schedule Change

A second review yielded a motion made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Corey Rewenko to accept/approve the proposed middle school conference schedule change as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy 5141.5/4141 Wellness

A second review yielded a motion made by Susan Baccaro and seconded by Eleanor Parente to accept/approve the proposed changes to policy 5141.5/4141 Wellness as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. Policy 2141.5A/4141A Wellness Administrative Regulations

Presented as an informational piece only.


VIII. Business:

A. Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update

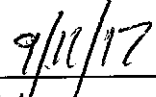
Stacey Begert indicated that new co-chair Darren Murphy will be working with her. Members of the committee met jointly with administrators and coordinators for a professional development day on the subject of leadership and team building and how to implement successful change in a complex system. The committee will also meet with new teachers during their orientation on Tuesday, August 24th.

- IX. Committees:
- A. Facilities: no report
 - B. Curriculum: no report
 - C. Superintendent's Evaluation: Evaluation process has been completed over summer. Currently working on new goals with hopes of having them presented at the September 11th Board meeting
 - D. Finance Committee: Items from the August meeting were addressed as part of the Superintendent's update.
 - E. CREC: Museum School ribbon cutting was held this week; having cash flow problems, as well.
 - F. Technology: Will be meeting in September - planning to have a presentation to the Board on the 3 to 5 year plan.
 - G. Ad hoc Athletic Conference Committee (formerly known as Connecticut Conference Committee): Principal Rau indicated that discussions will begin with the Berkshire League principals the second week of September.
- X. Next Meeting:
A reception to welcome newly appointed certified staff members and Region 10's Teacher-of-the-Year will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the Learning Center. The regularly scheduled meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.
- XI. Adjourn
A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Susan Baccaro to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 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