

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Lewis S. Mills High School Auditorium
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, November 13, 2017

Board Members Present:

Phillip Penn, Chairman
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman
John Vecchitto
Bruce Guillemette
Paul Omichinski
John Goodno
Susan Baccaro

Absent:

Eleanor Parente
Brooke Joiner

Also Present:

Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning, (Acting Superintendent)
Savanna Arcuri, Student Representative
Sam Dorman, Student Representative
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 7:01 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
Mr. Penn led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Communications:
 - A. Superintendent's Report

Speaking on behalf of the Superintendent and in his absence, Ms. Cheri Burke conveyed his sentiments, congratulating several board members who had been re-elected for another term and thanking them for their support. Ms. Burke echoed his comments.

1. Status of the state budget

There was no budget update to provide. The budget remains status quo at this point in time.

B. Student Representatives' Reports:

The students reported on the following events at the high school:

- PSATs were recently administered;
- Parent/teacher conferences were underway;
- Veterans' Day assembly scheduled;
- Students participated in the annual College Fair;
- Auditions for Mr. Mills;
- College application deadlines.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes for:

A. Regular meeting dated Monday, October 2, 2017

B. Special meeting dated Wednesday, October 25, 2017

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the minutes as presented; seven were in favor; none opposed; John Goodno abstained; motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Susan Baccaro and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented;

Items exhibited:

A. Financial reports dated October 2017

B. A leave of absence requested by Joelle Gilbert, Technology Teacher, Lewis S. Mills High School, commencing on or about March 24, 2018

For the record, there were no resignations, retirements, or appointments.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Participation

Leslie Kelly
Harwinton

Spoke regarding ethical behavior and sexual harassment as it related to the district and recent events.

Terrence (Terry) Kelly
Harwinton

It is his opinion that the superintendent is undermining education. It is the Board's job to make certain he upholds his responsibilities.

Sunny Torres
Harwinton

In view of the recent racial situation at the University of Hartford, she asked if the schools have curriculum to teach tolerance.

Steven Perry
Burlington

Spoke in support of the school district, its staff, students, and administration.

VII. Actions:

- A. Harvard Model United Nations Conference; Sheraton Hotel; Boston, MA
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the field trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Healthy Food Certification/Consideration 1

Consideration 1 – Healthy Food Option:

Pursuant to Section 10-215f of the C.G.S., the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not excepted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.

A motion was made by Thomas Fausel and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve Consideration 1 – Healthy Food Option of the 2017/2018 Healthy Food Certification as outlined above; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Business:

A. Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update:
Stacy Begert and Jamie Mischke

The council met on the district's most recent professional development day. Five new members were introduced comprised of one new member from each building and the Teacher-of-the-Year. The committee performed an evaluation of the accomplishments covering the previous two years, its mission, and plans for the new year.

Members are currently orchestrating a survey soliciting teachers on what the council needs to do to support them and what are the essentials to support student learning.

Next meeting will be in December.

Jamie Mischke, new to the council, found it to be rejuvenating to be a part of. She sees a growing need for support of new teachers.

B. 2018/2019 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

The calendar was presented as a first review and will be brought back to the Board at their December 11, 2017 meeting as an anticipated action item.

C. Update Professional Development and Microsoft: Ms. Cheri Burke

A handout outlining the professional development offerings for October 6th and November 3rd was provided to Board members. The purpose of the handout was to highlight the assortment of professional development that were available on one single professional development day.

A draft of the technology committee three-year phase plan was developed at the end of the last school year. To visually depict that progress was being completed, items that had been accomplished to date were noted with strikeouts. Ms. Burke explained that the handout was a quick synopsis of where the district is in the moment. She explained that the plan is a constantly changing landscape with two challenges: Microsoft, in education, is still in its infancy; and devices, including maximizing the number of devices the district has for students. Teachers are currently faced with the challenge of different devices.

IX. Committees:

A. Facilities: No report

B. Curriculum: No report

C. Superintendent's Evaluation: Tracking toward mid-year review


D. Finance Committee: No report

- E. CREC: Seeing a reduction in budget of \$16,000,000; effort to help support transplants from Puerto Rico due to hurricane - there is a need for donations – an opportunity for our students to step up to the plate.
- F. Technology: Updated provided earlier in the meeting by Ms. Burke
- G. Ad hoc Athletic Conference Committee: Met tonight prior to board meeting; Athletic director and principal are working diligently and exploring options - plan to meet with Berkshire league

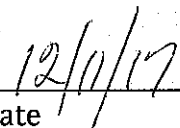
A message from outgoing Chairman, Phillip Penn, was offered where he thanked Board members for their level of engagement, professionalism, and support.

- X. Next Meeting:
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017; 7:00 p.m.; Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center
- XI. Adjourn
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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