

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
Har-Bur Middle School
 26 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
 Monday, April 8, 2019
 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Thomas Fausel, Chairman
 Eleanor Parente
 John Vecchitto
 John Goodno
 Paul Omichinski
 Brooke Joiner
 Bruce Guillemette
 Dean Cowger

Absent:

Wendy Darasz
 Susan Baccaro

Also Present:

Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
 Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
 Patricia George, Recording Secretary
 Samuel Dorman, Senior Student Representative
 Kathryn Bergstrom, Junior Student Representative

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Thomas Fausel, at 7:05 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was cited
Communications	<p>Student Representatives' Reports: Sam Dorman and Kathryn Bergstrom reported.</p> <p>Under the direction of Kristen Grindall-Keller, the first annual career fair for all high school students will take place on Wednesday, April 10th. Over 60 different career paths will be showcased.</p> <p>The Debate Team participated in the state's competition and took 2nd place, breaking history at Lewis Mills.</p>

	<p>The student senate has organized a school climate survey, which was provided last week.</p> <p>Class elections are anticipated later in May with campaigns already ongoing.</p> <p>The application process for various school leader clubs is underway, along with testing for colleges.</p> <p>Many sports have endured a late start to their season due to inclement weather, but student athletes remain hopeful.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Special Recognition: Evan Reynolds Sophomore, Evan Reynolds, is Connecticut's State Champion for Poetry Out Loud. Evan cited the poem "I have a Time Machine" authored by Brenda Shaughnessy. On April 29th he will travel to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national competition. 2. Out-of-Country Field Trips Three out-of-the-country field trips are scheduled for April 2020; France, Spain and China. There is no update to report on this month; however, the trips will remain on subsequent agendas and updates shared accordingly.
<p><i>Approval of Minutes</i></p>	<p>A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the minutes as presented;</p> <p><u>Minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Hearing/Special Meeting dated Monday, March 25, 2019 • Special Meeting dated Monday, April 1, 2019 <p>All in favor; none opposed; John Goodno and John Vecchitto abstained; motion carried.</p>
<p><i>Consent Agenda</i></p>	<p>A motion to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><u>Consent Agenda items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financials dated March 2019 <p>Leaves of Absence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alan Beitman, Superintendent of Schools, effective March 29, 2019 until June 14, 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resignations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alan Beitman, Superintendent of Schools, effective June 14, 2019 2. Shayna Quinn, English Teacher, Lewis S. Mills High School, effective June 30, 2019 3. Kathy Bogen, 6th grade teacher, Har-Bur Middle School, effective June 30, 2019 <p>For the record there were no retirements or appointments.</p>
<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>Paul Flanagan Mr. Beitman has resigned because of illness and with that he wished him well. Mr. Flanagan asked if the board planned to look at the hiring of a new superintendent as a cost savings opportunity since Mr. Beitman was paid on the upper tier.</p> <p>Jenn Parsons Ms. Parsons is hoping to find out more about the search for an interim superintendent and final candidate. Looking for a quick and efficient budget process and is hoping to have the person in place in August. She asked that the board do their best to make the process budget friendly.</p> <p>Justin (a LSM student) Expressed his support for Mrs. Burke to be taken into consideration as the new superintendent of schools.</p> <p>Evan and Amanda (students) Expressed their support in favor of Mrs. Burke for the next superintendent of schools and cited some of her many contributions to the students and communities.</p> <p>Jeffrey Bond Stop the Bleed program is growing immeasurably all because of the work that has been in Region 10. Thanked the board for their support.</p>
<p>Action Items</p>	<p><u>90 Minute Delay vs. Two-hour delay</u> A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the move from a 90 minute delay to a two-hour delay; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><u>Previously approved Field Trip - FBLA National Trip</u> A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the 2019 FBLA (Future Business</p>

Leaders of America) field trip to San Antonio, TX from June 29, 2019 to July 2, 2019 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Approve James Connelly to conduct interim Superintendent Search

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the hiring of James A. Connelly, of Connecticut Educational Solutions to search for, and secure, an interim superintendent; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor

A motion was made by Brooke Joiner and seconded by Dean Cowger to accept/approve the appointment of the auditing firm of Mahoney and Sabol; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

To consider and act upon a resolution concerning the authorization of refunding bonds for payment in whole or in part of the outstanding principal of and interest and any call premium on the District's 3,500,000 General Obligation Bonds. Issue of 2010, and costs related thereto:

A motion to accept/approve the authorization as presented was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette;

Further Discussion

Susan Laone, the Director of Finance and Operations explained that the refunding is not the result of a lower interest rate, but rather that the bonds could be sold at a premium. Because of its market volatility, the numbers had changed since this morning negatively. She still encouraged the board to approve the authorization in the event the numbers shifted.

The motion was amended by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to include language that the authorization be applicable over a 6 month time period with a net total savings of no less than \$100,000 and at the execution of the Board treasurer and Director of Finance and Operations; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of New Medical Advisor

With the retirement of the district's current medical advisor Dr. Michael Liftman, a motion was made by Brooke Joiner and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve Dr. Judy Chiu as the

	<p>newly assigned advisor; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously. Her duties will be gratis to the district.</p> <p><u>2020/2021 School Calendar</u> Two calendars were presented to the Board for review. Mr. Bogen, head of the calendar committee, offered an explanation regarding their difference, which was the start and end dates. The committee was in favor of a later start date.</p> <p>A motion to accept/approve calendar A as presented was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Brooke Joiner; 4 were in favor; 4 opposed (John Vecchitto, Eleanor Parente, Bruce Guillemette, Dean Cowger); motion failed.</p> <p>Further discussion was had regarding the benefits of an earlier start date, which most administrators supported.</p> <p>A second motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve calendar B; Brooke Joiner opposed; motion carried.</p> <p><u>Policy 5141.21 Administration of Student Medications in the schools</u> A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve Policy 5141.21 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><u>Heathy Food Certification</u> A motion was made by Dean Cowger and seconded by Eleanor Parente to accept/approve the Healthy Food Certification (Healthy Food Option and Food Exemptions) as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The certification is required by law annually.</p>
Business	<p><u>Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update:</u> Committee member Barbara Denza thanked the board for the opportunity to be the voice of the district on a regular basis and was thrilled to have an open relationship working collaboratively to maintain education and support teachers in Region 10.</p>

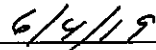
	<p><u>Graduation Requirements Revision Proposal: Chris Rau, Principal/Erin Putnam, School Counselor</u> Presented as a first review. The last review of graduation requirements took place in the year 2012.</p> <p>In order to graduate, a student must accumulate at least 25 credits according to the schedule that was provided by Principal Rau. Students must also satisfactorily meet the district's performance standard in Language Arts and Mathematics.</p> <p><u>2018/2019 End-of-Year Assignments</u> A list of end-of-year events was provided to board members with a request that they reach out to Patricia George with their intentions.</p>
<p><i>Board Committee Reports</i></p>	<p><u>Facilities:</u> Pretty active – meeting tomorrow night – working on obtaining a spirit rock, purchasing guidelines – proposals for five year plan</p> <p><u>Curriculum:</u> The committee met last week. Math Coordinator, Jesse Darcy spoke on the subject of Illusions, which will replace Glenco to which the committee approved.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Evaluation:</u> No report</p> <p><u>Finance Committee:</u> No report</p> <p><u>CREC:</u> Fingerprinting – working on through legislature, currently \$125 per person</p> <p><u>Technology:</u> Met earlier this evening. The roll out of laptops has been very successful. Selecting a replacement laptop that can use a number 2 pencil as a stylist. Moving forward with community involvement, an initiative brought forward by Dean Cowger.</p> <p><u>Diversity:</u> Provided a presentation at the board's workshop Saturday, April 6th. Community conversation is scheduled for April 22, 2019.</p>

	<u>Executive Search Committee</u> Formed for superintendent search. Upcoming meeting is planned for a presentation by one of the potential search organizations. Interview three/Wednesday at 6:00.
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Monday, April 29, 2019; Annual Meeting on District Budget; Har-Bur Middle School Media Center; 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, 2019; Referendum
<i>Adjourn</i>	A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Eleanor Parente, 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