

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**The Learning Center**  
**24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013**  
Monday, August 22, 2016

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Eleanor Parente  
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  
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. Special Recognition  
Retiring staff member, Brenda Crowell, a Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Har-Bur Middle School, was presented with a proclamation and recognized for her years of service to the students, staff, and parents of Region 10.

2. Staffing Update

Superintendent Beitman provided an update regarding the current standing of the district's staffing as the start of school nears. Except for a handful of certified vacancies including a Speech and Language Pathologist and paraprofessional positions, Superintendent Beitman is optimistic that all vacancies will be filled.

3. Enrollment Update

It was noted by Superintendent Beitman that there were 50 students more than what was reported in June. The middle school currently has the largest student body in the district. Susan Laone, the Director of Finance and Operations, stated that the budget projection was 2,372 students (without magnet and Vo-ag); the district currently stands at 2,361. The 2015/2016 school year closed with 2,311 pupils. A more accurate report will be provided at the September meeting.

4. Summer Projects Update

David Fortin, the Director of Facilities, provided an extensive overview of projects by school that were completed during the summer months, most notably the track at Lewis S. Mills High School, which is the first post tension concrete system for an athletic track on the east coast. A new, on-line energy management system was also implemented, which can be accessed via phone or iPad.

The middle school baseball infield was addressed utilizing Region 10 maintenance staff. Painting, skylights, and the air conditioner were the main focus on the interior of the building.

Projects at Harwinton Consolidated included painting; the installation of three air conditioning units; the solar system, which is very close to completion; the culmination of the lighting project and an upgrade to the energy management system.

Most notable at Lake Garda School was the construction of a kiln room in the art room. In addition to painting, a double door was also installed to accommodate the delivery of copier paper and the front drive was paved.

B. Student Representative Report – n/a

- IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes for:
  - A. Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, June 6, 2016
  - B. Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Thursday, July 7, 2016

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

- V. Consent Agenda:

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

- VI. Public Participation  
There was no public participation

- VII. Actions:
  - A. Policy 6400 Homework (Second Review) C. Burke  
A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the policy as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

- VIII. Business:
  - A. Policy 6400A Homework Administrative Regulations – Informational  
No vote required of the Board; posted the same time as policy.
  - B. Policy 5113.1 Non-Resident Twelfth Grade Student Attendance (First Review)  
  
The policy allows for a non-resident, grade 12 student in good standing, to remain in the district so that they can complete their final year. Parent would have to provide transportation.

- C. Policy 5113.1A Non-resident Twelfth Grade Student Attendance  
Administrative Regulation  
  
Informational piece

D. Policy 5153 Transgender Students (First Review, No Action Anticipated)

The policy was crafted to conform to what was directed by the Federal administration. Superintendent Beitman indicated that as of today, the federal court has rejected the Federal administration's attempt to dictate transgender rules. He suggested that the Board may want to sit back and let the dust settle; however, the leg work has been completed by the district and the policy will be back to Board at some point down the road.

Board Chair, Phillip Penn, wanted to be clear that he felt it was important that the district have a policy that was all encompassing of students and that the district was free of any discriminatory practices.

E. Rick Wormeli Presentation

Mr. Wormeli, a well-known speaker in the education realm; a certified teacher, who has written books in area of homework, grading and instructional practices, will be presenting to the district's staff on August 29<sup>th</sup>. He is also scheduled to speak to the community on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. An informational flyer was enclosed.

F. End-of-Year Concussion Update: D. Francalanga  
Scheduled for the September 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting

IX. Committees:

A. Board members interested in participating in the 2016 CABE/CAPSS Convention on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Mystic Marriott Hotel in Groton were asked to contact Patricia George for registration.


X. Next Meeting:

A reception to welcome new certified staff members and Region 10's Teacher-of-the-Year will be held on Monday, September 12, 2016 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Center. The regularly scheduled meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:00 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Vecchitto, Secretary

  
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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