

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Lewis S. Mills High School Auditorium
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, February 13, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Absent: n/a

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
Savanna Arcuri, Student Representative
Brian Drisdelle, 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 7:05 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Penn led the pledge of allegiance

III. Communications:

A. Student Representatives' Reports:

Student representatives, Savanna Arcuri and Brian Drisdelle provided reports regarding current events at the high school including the culmination of mid-term exams and current athletic standings. It was also noted that the Math team had placed second in a recent competition and the National Honor Society commenced a pen pal program with the second graders at Lake Garda School. The senior class has begun the voting process for superlatives and SAT practice tests are underway.

B. Superintendent's Report:

1. Presentation of the 2017/2018 Estimate of Expenses

Superintendent Beitman's initial presentation addressed the mid-year budget cuts made by state officials that have resulted in over \$436,189 of direct, post referendum reductions to the educational services provided by Region 10.

The 2017/2018 Estimate of Expenses is built on the foundation of predictability, common sense and careful management of the district's resources and continues to address critical themes. Once again, it was developed using a zero based budget process tied to student needs.

The Board of Education's recommended base Estimate of Expenses for the 2017/2018 school year is \$39,710,534, a \$738,255 or 1.89% increase over last year's approved Estimate of Expenses of which 1.16% is a direct result of special education costs (excluding salaries) or 1.44% (including salaries). The dollar amount does not include any Board of Education approved "new funds".

The estimated town shares of the recommended increases were noted as \$489,228 or a 1.25% increase for Burlington and \$249,027 or a .64% increase for Harwinton.

Region 10 continues to move forward knowing that the students will emerge as the next generation of outstanding citizens to lead its two communities, the region, the state, and the country.

A brief recess was called at 7:57 p.m.

Returned to Public Session 8:02 p.m.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

The following minutes were presented for approval:

- A. Regular Meeting dated December 12, 2016 (to include missing items III and IV from January Board packet)
- B. Special meeting dated January 4, 2017
- C. Regular meeting dated January 9, 2017
- D. Board workshop dated January 28, 2017

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

V. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Corey Rewenko and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the consent agenda items as presented. Items exhibited were:

- Financial Reports dated January 2017
- Leaves of Absence requested by Julia McKenna and Emily Doty
- Retirement notification submitted by Lynn Nanni, Art Teacher, Har-Bur Middle School, effective with the conclusion of the 2016/2017 school year
- Appointment of Jenny Dallis, .6 Math teacher, Lewis S. Mills High School, effective January 23, 2017

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Participation:

Shane Reichler
Burlington, CT

Advocated for his daughter to attend Wamago High School

Melissa Haras
Burlington, CT

Currently has one son attending Wamago; advocated for a second to attend Wamago

Brendan Haras
Burlington, CT

Spoke to the opportunities afforded him while attending Wamago High School

Nathan Haras
Burlington, CT

Would like to be extended the opportunity to attend Wamago High School

Dylan Boucher
Harwinton, CT

Spoke to the opportunities afforded him at Wamago High School

Stacy Foote
Harwinton, CT

Advocated for her child to attend Wamago High School

VII. Actions:

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the action items as presented. Action items exhibited:

A. 2018/2019 Region 10 School Calendar

The 2018/2019 calendar initially presented to the Board at their January meeting and tabled until the February meeting (noted as Enclosure 3A Original) had been questioned by a Board member with regards to the timing of the April vacation. The vacation was scheduled from April 8th through April 12th with Good Friday celebrated the following week, or the 19th. It was suggested to move the April vacation ahead one week to the week of the 15th to encompass Good Friday, thus offering a more preferred academic schedule (noted as Enclosure 3 B Revision).

A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the revised calendar noted as Enclosure 3 B-Revision as the district's 2018/2019 school year calendar; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. New course approvals

Tabled from the January 9, 2017 meeting, Ms. Burke, the Director of Student Learning, along with Dr. Tenney, the World Language Coordinator, engaged in further dialogue with various groups of students to explore the ECE course offerings in more depth as directed by the Board.

It was the consensus that the ECE offerings were still viable options and should be brought back to the Board for approval. The courses under further examination were Spanish 3178, UCONN French 3250, Advanced Topics in French, and Chinese 4.

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the four ECE courses as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

**C. Spain Exchange
Second review**

A motion was made by Corey Rewenko and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the Spain Exchange Program as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

D. Recommendation of the use of the 2015/2016 surplus

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Susan Baccaro to direct the Superintendent of Schools to provide a refund of the fiscal year 2015/2016 operating surplus of \$57,989 and \$34,473 to the towns of Burlington and Harwinton respectively, to offset the cuts made to the ECS in fiscal year 2016/2017. The remaining surplus of \$239,543 to the towns of Burlington and Harwinton in the amount of \$158,741 and

\$80,802 respectively, to offset the fiscal year 2017/2018 budget. Such refunds will be reflected as credits against the last town payment in fiscal year 2016/2017 and the overall town payments in the fiscal year 2017/2018; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Business:

A. Teacher Leadership Monthly Update

Mr. Dennis Fowler, a social studies teacher at Lewis Mills, was on hand as a representative of the Teacher Leadership Council (TLC). Mr. Fowler told the Board that the staff experienced a very positive first half of the year under a new administrative team, Principal Christopher Rau and Assistant Principal Katherine Blore, who have been more than helpful. They meet monthly to discuss ideas on how to build positive morale within the faculty.

On Tuesday, February 14th, TLC will host their first faculty forum to give teachers and staff members the opportunity to have their voices heard.

Concluding his report, Mr. Fowler relayed a message from the committee, which was the consideration of early release on the dates of parent teacher conferences. This small change would give teachers more time to prepare reports, grades, and comments for parents that they will see on those evenings.

IX. Standing Board Committee Reports

- A. Facilities: Anticipating a meeting within the next couple of the weeks to review some of the items that will be topics of discussion for the budget.
- B. Curriculum: Meeting scheduled for next month
- C. Superintendent's Evaluation: Met earlier today; planned for the next agenda.
- D. Finance Committee: A meeting was held prior to the Board's retreat to discuss a number of items that were pressing for the budget and also the potential return of the surplus as discussed tonight.
- E. CREC: Provided a recap of the CREC legislative breakfast where they pushed a very strong agenda for some changes in underfunded mandates. The Budget Finance Audit Committee, of which Mr. Vecchitto is a member, challenged the money going into two new schools totaling approximately \$100,000,000, but lost that argument due to Sheff vs. O'Neill.
- F. Technology: The committee met on February 6th where Ms. Cheri Burke and Mr. Leigh Pont provided a progress report as to where the district is presently. A help desk and ticket system is currently in flight. Ms. Burke and Mr. Pont were asked to develop a multi-year plan to divide into domains in order to establish goals and measures of progress.
- G. Ad hoc Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) Several meetings were held so far with one scheduled for this Thursday, February 16th. Any input by the Board should be provided to Mr. Vecchitto as quickly as possible.

X. Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Penn reminded Board members of future meetings.

- Budget Workshop, Monday, February 27, 2017
- Regular Meeting/Budget Workshop, Monday, March 13, 2017
- Budget Workshop, Monday, March 27, 2017
- Public Hearing, Monday, April 17, 2017
- Annual Meeting, Monday, May 1, 2017

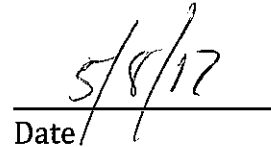
XI. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:43p.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