

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, September 11, 2017

Board Members Present:

Phillip Penn, Chairman
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman
John Vecchitto
Brooke Joiner
Bruce Guillemette
Eleanor Parente
John Goodno
Paul Omichinski
Susan Baccaro (departed at 7:56 p.m.)

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Absent:

Corey Rewenko

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
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. Moment of Silence – Remembering the Victims of 9-11
A moment of silence was held in recognition of the 16th anniversary of 9-11 and the recent loss of two Region 10 students; sixth grader, Neil O’Keefe and 2016 graduate, Nicolas Murphy.

IX. Actions:

A. Motion

Thomas Fausel made a motion that the Superintendent and Director of Finance and Operations be authorized to take actions as outlined in Tier II, if a) no state budget enacted into law by October 1, 2017 or b) a state budget enacted into law includes a reduction in education aid to the Towns of Burlington and Harwinton in excess of \$500,000 compared to the Board of Education's adopted 2017/2018 budget. The total amount of actions taken in Tier I and Tier II combined will not exceed the projected shortfall in education aid; was seconded by Paul Omichinski; and yielded further discussions.

Paul Omichinski suggested an advisory component of the Board's Finance Committee be considered in contemplating the tier reductions.

After some discussion, the consensus of the Board was to amend the motion to include the consultation of the Finance Committee.

Amended Motion

Mr. Fausel withdrew his original motion and proposed a new motion that the Superintendent and Director of Finance and Operations be authorized to take actions as outlined in Tier II, if a) no state budget enacted into law by October 1, 2017 or b) a state budget enacted into law includes a reduction in education aid to the Towns of Burlington and Harwinton in excess of \$500,000 compared to the Board of Education's adopted 2017/2018 budget. The total amount of actions taken in Tier I and Tier II combined will not exceed the projected shortfall in education aid; and the Finance Committee is to be consulted regarding prioritization if the aid cuts fall between \$500,000 and \$1.5 million; seconded by Paul Omichinski; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

X. Business:

A. Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for October 6th.

B. Advanced Placement Presentation

Lewis Mills High School Principal, Chris Rau, provided a presentation to the Board on Advanced Placement and SAT test scores.

The total average score for students taking the SAT in Region 10 was noted as 1141, an increase from 1115 in 2016. The state average score was reported as 1031.

Data for the AP tests indicate that 154 students took at least one AP test (highest number since 2013) and of 312 exams, the overall pass rate was 84%. Additionally, 90% of students taking the test received at least one "3", which is the highest percentage ever.

C. Policy 6145.5

Presented as a first review. The policy is being modified to include a subsection on Cooperative Athletic Teams. It is anticipated that the policy will be brought before the Board for final adoption at their October meeting.

D. Superintendent's Goals

Superintendent Beitman presented a first draft, first review of his goals for 2017/2018 school year. The goals focused on a plan to sustain high levels of student performance in an adverse funding environment, developing a long-term budget plan to address the state's fiscal issues related to Educational Cost Sharing and Special Education and developing a succession plan leading up to his anticipated retirement in 2020.

IX. Committees:

A. Facilities: No report

B. Curriculum: No report

C. Superintendent's Evaluation: On schedule

D. Finance Committee: No report

E. CREC: Meeting Wednesday and a week from Wednesday

F. Technology: No report

G. Ad hoc Athletic Conference Committee (formerly known as Connecticut Conference Committee): No report

XII. Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2017; 7:00 p.m.; Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center.

XIII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Brooke Joiner to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



John Vecchitto, Secretary

10/2/17
Date

The minutes are marked as DRAFT, pending Board of Education approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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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