

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, December 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

John Goodno

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
Superintendent Beitman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
Superintendent Beitman led the pledge of allegiance
- III. Election of Officers

Board Chairman

Superintendent Beitman called for nominations for Board Chairman

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to nominate Thomas Fausel for the position of Board Chairman; no other

nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Board Vice Chairman

Board Chairman, Thomas Fausel, called for nominations for a Vice Chairman

A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by John Vecchitto to nominate Bruce Guillemette for the position of Board Vice Chairman; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Board Secretary

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Susan Baccaro to nominate Eleanor Parente for the position of Board Secretary; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Board Treasurer

A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Paul Omichinski to nominate Susan Baccaro for the position of Board Treasurer; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Newly Elected Officers

Board Chairman:	Thomas Fausel
Board Vice Chairman:	Bruce Guillemette
Board Secretary	Eleanor Parente
Board Treasurer:	Susan Baccaro

IV. Invited Guests

A. Boys' Soccer Team

Ben Kulas, the Boys' Soccer coach, along with members of the team and assistant coach, Jordan Moore were invited to the Board meeting as guests in recognition of their newly acquired Class M Championship status. Each of the members were introduced and congratulated for their efforts, both individually and collectively.

Fittingly, teacher, Barbara Angelicola-Manzoli, introduced students who participated in the Newspaper in Education (NIE) Stock Market Game sponsored by the Hartford Courant. Out of 1,034 teams in the state, Region 10 had two teams place with 1st and 4th place standings. Ms. Angelicola-Manzoli paid homage to Mr. Bruce Daigle, who shared his talents with the students during the process.

Student, Lane Maher, who was leaving for Belgium the following day, was alone recognized for his cycle racing talents.

B. Elected Town Officials

It has been a longstanding tradition of the Region 10 School District to invite elected officials from both Harwinton and Burlington to share their thoughts on the development of the school budget for the ensuing year.

Michael Criss, First Selectman, Harwinton; Theodore Shafer, First Selectman, Burlington; Gerry Mullen, Board of Finance, Burlington; Peter Thierry, Board of Finance, Harwinton; and Carl Salsedo, Selectman, Burlington, were on hand and provided commentaries with regards to the status and expectations of their respective towns.

Additionally, Susan Laone, the Director of Finance and Operations for Region 10, was happy to report that a conference call with Moody's Investment Firm concluded that the district's bond rating did not go down, but rather remained the same, a direct result of the strength of the school district and the two town's good financial management.

V. Communications:

A. Superintendent's Report

1. State budget update

Superintendent Beitman indicated that he was bracing for mid-year budget cuts. Nine vacant positions in the district remain unfilled.

B. Student Representatives' Reports: Savanna Arcuri and Sam Dorman

Communally, their commentaries encompassed information on the December 2nd performance of Mr. Mills, with Steve Wyzykowski as the title winner, the Boys' Soccer team class M Championship, the much anticipated holiday break and expected SAT score reports.

VI. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes for:

A. Special Meeting dated Monday, November 6, 2017

B. Special Meeting dated Wednesday, November 8, 2017

C. Special meeting dated Thursday, November 9, 2017

D. Regular meeting dated Monday, November 13, 2017

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

VII. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. Items exhibited included:

A. Financial reports dated November 2017

A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the financial reports as presented;

Susan Laone, the Director of Finance and Operations, commented that the district remains in a hard freeze at this juncture and that she continues to monitor the budget daily.

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

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Public Participation

Terry Kelly

Spoke on the subject of the aforementioned NIE Stock Market Game and sexual harassment.

IX. Actions:

A. 2018/2019 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Presented for a second time, a motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the meeting schedule as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

X. Business:

A. Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update

Ms. Doreen O'Sullivan, a member of the district's TLC committee, stated that the committee had begun work by mapping out meetings for the remainder of the school year. As reported previously, the committee is currently working on a survey to assess the needs of the teachers and see what direction they are going to go in.

XI. Committees:

A. Facilities: No report

B. Curriculum: No report

C. Superintendent's Evaluation: No report

- D. Finance Committee: anticipates meeting at end of January
- E. CREC: No report
- F. Technology: No report
- G. Ad hoc Athletic Conference Committee (formerly known as Connecticut Conference Committee): NVL has agenda Berkshire league on January 5th more info by that time

XII. Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2018.

XIII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Paul Omichinski to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:19 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Eleanor Parente, Secretary

1/8/18
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