

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 9, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Board Amended May 14, 2018

Board Members Present:

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

APPROVED
*With noted amendment
pmg 5/14/18*

Absent:

Wendy Darasz

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations

- I. Call to Order:
Board Chairman Thomas Fausel called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Mr. Fausel led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Communications:
 - A. Student Representatives' Reports (Savanna Arcuri and Sam Dorman)
The students provided information on a number of events occurring at the high school including, Mills Got Talent, the upcoming Junior/Senior Prom; SAT testing, the long awaited April break, and scheduled fieldtrips to France and Spain.
 - B. Superintendent's Report:
The Superintendent began his report by recognizing members of the hockey co-op team. Region 10 merged with Farmington High School creating the co-op, which has for the second year in a row, won the state championship. Two of the three players, Sam Buchanan and Owen Lacourciere, from Lewis S. Mills High School were present and recognized

for this achievement. Kyle Kadziolka was not available, but publicly acknowledged for his efforts.

1. End-of-Year Activities

A list of end-of-year activities was made available to each of the Board members, who are extended an invitation annually to attend all events, with an opportunity to address the Region 10 parents, students, and staff members at an activity or activities of their choosing. Board members were asked to e-mail their preferences to the Superintendent by week's end.

2. Civic Action Presentations

Under the auspices of faculty member, Sharon Yanosik and the Director of Student Learning, Cheri Burke, three student groups were invited to present their civic action projects to the Board members.

One to one Computer Loan Program – this initiative would enable students to have access to a laptop or other technological resources so that no student would be at a disadvantage.

Chinese Language taught in Middle School

Implement Chinese Intro I, II, III to students in grades 6, 7 and 8 grades.

Install a Greenhouse at Lewis S. Mills High School

Install a greenhouse in the courtyard, which could potentially be used for science and culinary classes, as well as, to provide an independent study.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

- A. Special meeting dated Monday, March 12, 2018
- B. Regular meeting dated Monday, March 12, 2018
- C. Special meeting dated Saturday, March 24, 2018
- D. District meeting, Public Hearing, Monday, March 26, 2018
- E. Special meeting, Monday, March 26, 2018 (immediately following Public Hearing

A motion was made Eleanor Parente and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the minutes as presented.

Member Phillip Penn asked to note the following amendments:

- Regular meeting March 12, 2018 Phillip Penn was noted as both present and absent; he was absent.
- Special meeting Saturday March 24, 2018, page 2; return to public session should be depicted as 12:10 p.m., as opposed to a.m. and adjourned at 12:11 p.m., as opposed to a.m.

All in favor; none opposed; Phillip Penn abstained; motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. Items exhibited included:

- A. Financial reports dated March 2018;
- B. A leave of absence requested by Jennifer Gorton, Grade 4 teacher, Lake Garda School, commencing on or about August 30, 2018
- C. A resignation submitted by Amy Cleveland, Music Teacher, Har-Bur Middle School, effective June 2018
- D. A notice of retirement submitted by Jean Ann Ward, Reading Teacher, Har-Bur Middle School, effective 2018
- E. A notice of retirement submitted by Virginia (Ginny) Powell, World Language teacher, Har-Bur Middle School, effective June 2018

For the record there were no appointments.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Participation

Jay Pelchar
42 Foote Road, Burlington

Feels very strongly that Region 10 is not a good fit for the Central Connecticut Conference (CCC); better fit for the Berkshire League.

Tim Mischke
Plymouth Road
Harwinton

At one point in time, Mr. Mischke was in favor of the move from the Berkshire League to the Central Connecticut Conference until he had the opportunity to look at the numbers, which turned him off. He acknowledges that the Berkshire League does have problems, but believes they can be fixed.

Al Ciarlo
89 West Road
Watertown, CT

Biggest concern with the move is one of size. Only 5 teams out of 31 are equal to Region 10 and one of those is a private school.

Steve Schibi
5 Cider Mill Road

Not in favor of moving to the Central Connecticut Conference. Noted that the Berkshire League values Region 10 and is willing to work with the district to keep them in the league.

Dean Cowger
6 Merriman
Burlington, CT

As the father of three student athletes, he recommended taking a pause and not vote today. Not certain what the issues are nor the district's goals. Asked that the district have a discussion with the principal at Rockville.

Chris Loomis
39 Duane Lane

He attended and coached countless sporting events for CCC teams. He feels that it is imperative that the Board vote in favor of joining the conference.

Dan Buchanan
34 Misty Meadow

Felt that the vote should be delayed; need more time to hear from additional people and for more than three minutes at a time.

Kathryn Bergstrom
Student

A student and a member of the swim team, she felt the district should not move to the CCC.

Jenn Parsons
7 Ridgewood

An educator and mother of three children, she has mixed feelings, encourages the Board to think about the kids first. The board should consider leaving the Berkshire.

Terry O'Connor
Lily Pond Lane

Father of three varsity students. Was wondering if he missed a meeting. Concerned about splitting the teams up. Does not feel that a move to the CCC is a good idea.

VII. Actions:

- A. Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) Realignment 2017/2018
Since the concept of realigning from the Berkshire League to the Central Connecticut Conference was initially presented over a year ago, the ad hoc committee formed to examine its viability, led by Mr. John Vecchitto, has been meeting regularly and has done an ~~infinite~~ extensive amount of research. In addition to Mr. Vecchitto, three additional members comprise the committee, Bruce Guillemette, Thomas Fausel and Eleanor Parente.

It is the committee's unanimous recommendation to move to the CCC.

Original Motion

On a motion from the Central Connecticut Conference Ad hoc Committee to realign Region 10 Athletics to the Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) starting with the 2019/2020 calendar;

Further Discussion:

Mr. Vecchitto reminded the board and those in the audience, that when the committee was originally tasked with this endeavor, that the members that comprise the committee voted no and were not in favor of the move. However, as the committee researched what was really happening in the Berkshire League and what they had hoped to accomplish for the student athletes, the pendulum began to swing in the opposite direction.

John Vecchitto, speaking on behalf of the committee, provided a rationale for the realignment and addressed some of the concerns presented.

Second Motion

A motion was made by Brooke Joiner to postpone the vote until the June meeting; seconded by Susan Baccaro; five were not in favor; four were in favor; motion defeated five to four.

Original Motion from Committee

Addressing the **original motion** on the table, Mr. Fausel asked for a rollcall vote to provide transparency:

Phillip Penn (yes)
John Goodno (no)
Paul Omichinski (yes)
Susan Baccaro (no)
Eleanor Parente (yes)
Brooke Joiner (no)
John Vecchitto (yes)
Bruce Guillemette (yes)
Thomas Fausel (yes)

Six were in favor; three were not in favor; motion carried to move to the Central Connecticut Conference.

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Mr. Fausel called for a five minute recess.

B. Request for Professional Learning Time incorporated into 2018/2019 school calendar

A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve the request for additional professional learning time commencing with the 2018/2019 school year.

A formal presentation was previously heard during March's regular Board of Education meeting. The proposal was to add an additional three early release days in the 18/19 school year and if successful, by way of attaining anticipated goals, the committee would return to the Board and make a request for six additional days in the 19/20 school calendar with no further modifications to the calendar from that point forward.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. Heathy Food Certification

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette that Pursuant to G.C.S. Section 10-215f, the Region 10 Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn that the Region 10 Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1)the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store, understanding that an "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or activity and that the "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day and "location" means where the event is being held; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Business:

A. Teacher Leadership Monthly Update

Members of the TLC thanked the Board members for approving the three additional early release days for professional learning. Additionally, the committee was scheduled to meet the following day where they would be

saying goodbye to several members, while taking on new. The goal is to have one new teacher from each school, each year.

- B. Authorize the R10 Board chair to execute the Burlington fire house quitclaim deed, together with any attendant documents, in accordance with, and upon full satisfaction of the terms of the Board's offer

Paul Omichinski provided a recap of the Burlington Firehouse land use relative to Lake Garda School. The original agreement encompassed the need for additional parking space. A request was made of the Board for a small amount of land, which is an unused wooded parcel for much needed additional parking at the new firehouse.

Since the original lease was generated, an amendment was produced to accommodate a concrete pad for a generator. To eliminate liability and upon the recommendation of Region 10 legal council, the school district will release .4 acres and in return for such, has asked that the town cover the legal fees, which will total \$5-\$6,000 dollars, relating to this transaction.

A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by John Vecchitto to authorize the Board chair, Tom Fausel, to execute the Quitclaim Deed when the time is appropriate; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

IX. Committee Reports:

A. Board Committee Reports:

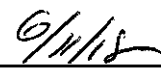
1. Facilities: Burlington Firehouse Quitclaim Deed discussed earlier
2. Curriculum: Planning to meet on Wednesday
3. Superintendent's Evaluation: Need to establish a time to meet to review data- looking at next week.
4. Finance: The committee has not met since prior to the budget process. Phillip Penn extended an invitation to the two first selectmen to appoint a member of their respective Boards of Finance to be non-voting members of the Region 10 Finance Committee.
5. CREC: The saga between the state and CREC continues. If the payment schedule does not change in the next fiscal year, CREC will not be able to continue to manage the operation.
6. Technology:
Indicated that a presentation will be forthcoming.
7. Ad hoc Athletic Conference Committee:
John Vecchitto asked that the Board dissolve this committee - scheduled for May Board meeting

- X. Next Meetings:
April 30, 2018 – Annual meeting on district budget
May 14, 2018 – Regular Meeting

- XI. Adjourn:
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 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