

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, December 10, 2018
 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Thomas Fausel, Chairman
 Bruce Guillemette, Vice Chairman
 John Vecchitto
 Dean Cowger
 Wendy Darasz
 Brooke Joiner
 Paul Omichinski
 Assuntina (Susan) Baccaro
 Eleanor Parente

Absent:

John Goodno
 Sam Dorman, Senior Student Representative

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent of Schools
 Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
 Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
 Kathryn Bergstrom, Junior Student Representative
 Patricia George, Recording Secretary

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Fausel at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was cited
Invited Guests	<p><u>Girls' Soccer Team/Class M State Championship:</u> Superintendent Beitman, Principal Rau, along with members of the board of education, paid homage to the Girls' Soccer Team for their recent Class M state championship title. Their coaches Jared Sheikh and Alfredo Ciarlo were not available, but had extended their best wishes and congratulations on an undefeated 20 and 0 season.</p> <p>Superintendent Beitman reminded the board that there were nine more days until winter recess.</p>


	<p><u>Civics Action Projects:</u> Staff member JoelPatrick Leger provided a brief synopsis of what the civic action projects entailed stating that every semester students in the civic action class were to identify a problem and come up with a solution. Problems ranged from the simplistic such as a class they would like to see offered to something more complex such as the renovation of the athletic facilities.</p> <p>Four groups presented this evening; Spirit Rock, Bus Route Communications App, Swipe Cards and PAC.</p>
<i>Communications</i>	<p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Superintendent Beitman was recently notified that sixteen high schools in Connecticut and 369 high schools in the country were recognized on the Advanced Placement (AP) Honor Roll. Lewis S. Mills High School was one of those schools receiving this recognition. To be included on the AP honor roll, Lewis S. Mills High School had to increase the number of students partaking in the Advanced Placement testing while also increasing or sustaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores.</p> <p><u>Student Representatives' Reports:</u> Student representative Kathryn Bergstrom reported that most senior college applications are due January 1st. Other points of interest included the Mr. Mills competition held last weekend, the first games of the winter athletic season which are commencing this week and Link Crew members who continue to work with Freshman to ensure their successful transition to high school.</p>
<i>Approval of Minutes</i>	<p>A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><u>Minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special meeting dated Monday, November 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m. • Regular meeting dated Monday, November 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m. • Special meeting dated Wednesday, November 14, 2018
<i>Consent Agenda</i>	<p>A motion to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>

	<p><u>Consent Agenda items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financials dated November 2018 • Leaves of Absence <p>For the record there were no resignations, retirements or appointments.</p>
Public Participation	<p>Rachel McFadden Expressed concern over, and would like a review of, the health curriculum</p>
Action Items	<p><u>World Language Department Field Trip to China, April 8-18, 2020 :</u></p> <p>China’s airline safety was an initial concern brought forward by Paul Omichinski at their November meeting and continues to be for several other board members, as well. Dr. Jodiann Tenney, the World Language Coordinator for Region 10, was present and attempted to quell their hesitations by indicating that she had lived in China for four years and traveled extensively with her children while there, without incident.</p> <p>The relationship between the United States and countries where Region 10 students were planning to travel as part of school sponsored field trips was also discussed. As those field trips draw nearer, these issues will be revisited.</p> <p>A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Brooke Joiner to accept/approve the field trip to China in April 2020 as presented; Paul Omichinski, Susan Baccaro and Eleanor Parente opposed; motion carried.</p> <p><u>Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Board of Education for Regional School District #10 Administrators’ Association dated July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022:</u></p> <p>Mr. Omichinski was happy to report that the negotiating committee had held successful meetings with administrators and quickly came to mutual conclusions which ended with a settlement agreeable to both. He thanked the group for their productive meetings and recommended that the board ratify the contract.</p> <p>A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>

	<p><u>Superintendent's Evaluation:</u> Paul Omichinski reported that the evaluation committee performed a very thorough review of the superintendent's goals and has asked the board to accept the recommendation that Superintendent Beitman continues to perform at or above expectations.</p> <p>A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the Superintendent's evaluation as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>
<i>Business</i>	<p><u>Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update:</u> Faculty and council members Dawn Pease and Patti Smaldone provided the board members with an update on the council's undertakings. Currently, members of the council are fine tuning an exit survey which would gage the effectiveness of the extra professional development time afforded the teachers and the impact it has on student learning. Increasing visibility and communication within the buildings and how to promote positive change remain a priority.</p> <p><u>Policy 4118.25 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect:</u> First review. Will be brought back to the board in January as an action item.</p> <p><u>Policy 5141.21 Administration of Student Medication in the Schools:</u> First Review. Will be brought back to the board in January as an action item.</p> <p><u>Policy 5144 Use of Restraint and Seclusion:</u> First Review. Will be brought back to the board in January as an action item.</p> <p><u>Board Committee Member list:</u> The board was asked if the committee list presented this evening needed further edits. With no corrections noted, the list can be documented as final.</p>
<i>Board Committee Reports</i>	<p><u>Facilities:</u> Anticipating a meeting in January</p> <p><u>Curriculum:</u> Anticipating a meeting in January. Plan to address the concern that was brought for by Ms. McFadden regarding health curriculum.</p>

	<p><u>Superintendent's Evaluation:</u> Planning a meeting after holidays</p> <p><u>Finance Committee:</u> Anticipating a meeting in January</p> <p><u>CREC:</u> Met last week, brought a recommendation to CREC</p> <p><u>Technology:</u> Met prior to the board meeting this evening. Roughly three-and-a-half months since PLCs were implemented; biggest problem appears to be with the pens; continuing to forward; next meeting anticipated in February</p> <p><u>Diversity</u> Met on November 13th; started a book club; looking for space for meetings; next meeting is scheduled for January 10th</p>
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Regular Meeting Monday, January 14, 2019
<i>Adjourn</i>	A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Eleanor Parente, Secretary

1/14/19
Date

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