

**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, January 14, 2019  
 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Thomas Fausel, Chairman  
 Bruce Guillemette, Vice Chairman  
 John Vecchitto  
 Dean Cowger  
 Wendy Darasz  
 Brooke Joiner  
 Paul Omichinski  
 Eleanor Parente  
 John Goodno

**Absent:**

Assuntina (Susan) Baccaro  
 Kathryn Bergstrom, Junior Student Representative

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman, Superintendent of Schools  
 Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning  
 Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations  
 Sam Dorman, Senior Student Representative  
 Patricia George, Recording Secretary

<b>Call to Order</b>	The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Fausel at 7:02 p.m.
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	The Pledge of Allegiance was cited
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Superintendent's Report:</b> The anticipated last day of school is June 11, 2019, with one snow day accounted for thus far. The information is updated with each non-school day and can be found on the district's web page.

### **Out of Country Fieldtrips**

There are several out-of-the country field trips planned; Montreal and Quebec will be occurring in February 2019 with France, Spain and China slated for April of 2020. The U.S. State Department recently issued warnings for those traveling to China stating that American citizens may have difficulty returning home as they could be detained for investigations and inquiries.

The field trips are currently in the discussion and organizational stages; it is too soon to speculate. The item will remain on subsequent agendas as a means to keep it at the forefront.

### **Fields Update**

David Fortin, the Facilities and Maintenance Director provided an overview of the state of the fields. The wet year has had a negative impact and the winter and spring seasons may only add to the dilemma.

The deficiency of grass along the roadside of the field hockey playing area is directly correlated to the lack of sun and up until Christmas, trees were being cut to encourage growth.

The softball and middle school soccer field is in very bad shape because it is flat and supports water retention. Extra seed was put down to accommodate the added traffic flow.

The excessive number of divots is problematic for the track field. Worst case, students will not have the opportunity to practice before the season starts. Softball and baseball will be questionable. Next two months will be very telling.

### **Audit Report 2017/2018**

The report of the financial statements did not identify any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal controls over financial reporting.

### **Student Representatives' Reports:**

Senior representative Sam Dorman reported on a number of events including a very successful toy drive with over 2,000 toys collected. The National Honor Society recently held a college question and answer assembly during Pride Block. Mid-terms are imminent with both the National Honor Society and National Foreign Language Honor Society offering tutoring. Link leaders also gave the Freshman study tips for exams.

<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p>	<p>A <b>motion</b> was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; John Goodno abstained; motion carried.</p> <p><b>Minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular Meeting dated Monday, December 10, 2018</li> <li>• Technology Committee dated Monday, December 10, 2018</li> </ul>
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b></p>	<p>A <b>motion</b> to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Eleanor Parente; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>Consent Agenda items:</b></p> <p>Special note of appreciation: John Vecchitto wished to publicly acknowledge the recent Lion's Club eye screening services for students in the district.</p> <p><b>Financials for December 2018:</b></p> <p>A prevalent concern this time of year is anticipating what the excess cost for special education will be. Ms. Laone indicated that a very large deficit remains on the books and based on the numbers that were provided to the state, does not feel that the deficit will be fully covered and it continues to grow as the year progresses; students are still receiving services.</p> <p><b>Resignations:</b></p> <p>Chia-Yung Chung, a Chinese teacher at the high school, has provided notice that she will resigning from her position in April 2019. Superintendent Beitman commented that he is sad to see her leave and that her position is very difficult to fill. Ms. Jodiann Tenney, the World Language Coordinator, is working aggressively to find a replacement for the remainder of the year and, hopefully, next year, as well.</p> <p>For the record there were no Leaves of Absence, Retirements, or Appointments.</p>
<p><b>Public Participation</b></p>	<p><b>Jim Hunt</b> Daughters participated in LSM sports and girls deserve the same courtesies as the boys.</p> <p><b>Lynn Case</b> Concerned with the Chinese teacher leaving, wanted to know if the China field trip is moving forward.</p>

**Action Items**

**Policy 4118.25 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect**

Second review

**Policy 5141.21 Administration of Student Medication in the Schools**

Second review.

It was the consensus of the board members to table Policy 5141.21 for approval at a later date. Several members felt they could not support approving a policy that cannot reasonably be implemented. Administration was asked to investigate liability, insurance carriers and talk with attorneys and the transportation vendor, who is at the forefront of the revisions.

**Policy 5144 Use of Restraint and Seclusion**

Second Review

**A motion** was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Wendy Darasz to accept/approve Policy 4118.25 and Policy 5144 as presented; all in favor; none opposed motion carried unanimously.

**A motion** was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Eleanor Parente to withdraw Policy 5141.21 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; item tabled for February 11, 2018 board meeting; motion carried unanimously.

**Agreement between the Board of Education of Regional School District #10 and the Regional Education Association District #10 dated July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.**

A summary of the contract was provided by Paul Omichinski. Mr. Omichinski thanked representatives from Read 10 and members of the negotiating committee for their hard work.

On a recommendation brought forward by Paul Omichinski of the Negotiating Committee that the board approve the Agreement between the Board of Education of Regional School District #10 and the Regional Education Association District #10 dated July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 that was recently ratified; all in favor; none oppose, Eleanor Parente abstained; motion carried.

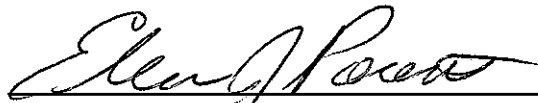
**Superintendent's Contract**


Several contractual alterations were erroneously omitted during the discussion of the Superintendent's evaluation at the December

	<p>meeting; a salary increase of 1.7% to the existing and a change to the current term.</p> <p>A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the contract modifications as noted; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>
<b>Business</b>	<p><u>Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update:</u></p> <p>Committee members Bethany Rataic and Katy Lenehan reported to the board that the committee was working hard to create a quick and meaning exit slip for teachers for the first, half-day professional development series to be held on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, the results of which, will be shared with the board at a later date.</p> <p><u>Resolution to Accept a Donation of Real Property (Weaver)</u> First review. The district has had an offer of a parcel of land adjacent to the Lewis Mills complex, located at 12 Nepaug Road and consisting of 7.17 acres and with an appraised value of \$218,000.</p> <p>The donation has been cleared through the board's attorney and insurance carrier.</p> <p>The land does include the tower. Tower owned by another company with no revenue generated. A question was posed as to who pays the taxes on the tower to the town of Burlington in the mount of \$16,000. Superintendent Beitman will follow up.</p>
<b>Board Committee Reports</b>	<p><u>Facilities:</u> Met earlier this evening. Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations, along with David Fortin, the Director of Maintenance and Facilities, provided an outline of the district's next five year plan; intend to meet again within a month's time.</p> <p><u>Curriculum:</u> Meeting next week on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p><u>Superintendent's Evaluation:</u> Reported earlier</p> <p><u>Finance Committee:</u> Meeting Saturday morning, January 19<sup>th</sup></p> <p><u>CREC:</u> Legislative breakfast scheduled for Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> Audit came through for CREC - revenues down \$147,000</p>

	<p><b>Technology:</b> Next meeting scheduled for February 11th</p> <p><b>Diversity</b> Met last week. HB4 would like to meet to plan Martin Luther King Day event; starting community talks; looking for speakers; issue with Halloween – should be more culturally sensitive to costume rules; with the new security officers, concerns about recent bias training when dealing with students of color.</p>
<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>	<b>Regular Meeting/Budget Overview; Monday, February 11, 2019; LSM Auditorium</b>
<b>Adjourn</b>	A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
 Eleanor Parente, Secretary

  
 Date

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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