## **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, May 13, 2019 7:00 p.m.

#### **Board Members Present:**

Thomas Fausel, Chairman
Eleanor Parente
John Vecchitto
John Goodno (arrived 7:17 p.m.)
Paul Omichinski
Brooke Joiner
Bruce Guillemette
Dean Cowger
Wendy Darasz
Assuntina (Susan) Baccaro

#### Absent:

Patricia George, Recording Secretary

#### **Also Present:**

Jeffrey Linton, Interim Superintendent Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations Samuel Dorman, Senior Student Representative Kathryn Bergstrom, Junior Student Representative

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Thomas Fausel at 7:00 p.m.
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Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was cited
Communications	Student Representatives' Reports:
	Samuel Dorman and Kathryn Bergstrom reported.
	AP testing at the high school is currently underway.
·	<ul> <li>The prom, which was held on Saturday, was very well</li> </ul>
	attended with approximately 350 people in attendance.
	<ul> <li>The second Annual Climate Summit was hosted by Lewis</li> </ul>
	Mills. Led by Associate Principal, Dr. Blore, students who
	attend school in the Berkshire league were invited to attend.

They were given the opportunity to discuss concerns and then worked collaboratively to create solutions.

- Allison Rau and Meghan Sullivan were the Debate Team state champions.
- Inductions into the National Honor Societies are occurring over the next two weeks.
- Class elections are on-going.
- Band and Chorus events are concluding and sports teams are preparing for post-season tournaments.

## **Superintendent's Report:**

- 1. End-of-Year Activities:
  Superintendent Linton gave a gentle reminder to the board members regarding the end-of-year celebrations.
- 2. Special Recognition: Youth and Community Development Awards

Board Chairman Thomas Fausel paid homage to David Grigociewicz, a science teacher at Har-Bur Middle School and Joshua Krampitz, a social studies teacher at Lewis S. Mills for being identified as this year's recipients of the Youth and Community Development Award.

Mr. Grigociewicz was recognized for his unwavering commitment to the StratoStar STEM day and Weather Balloon Launch over the past three years.

Mr. Krampitz, who was unable to attend, was recognized for his continued dedication to the Region 10 United Way fundraising drive, Humanitarian Club and Model U.N.

3. Student Civic Action Projects:
Two student groups were invited to present their civic action projects to the board; a proposal to modify the sexual health and safety curriculum and a project focusing on the class rank system at the high school were brought forward.

4. NIE Stock Market Game:

Mrs. Barbara Angelicola-Manzolli, a Business teacher at Lewis Mills introduced students who participated in the Newspaper in Education (NIE) Stock Market Game sponsored by the Hartford Courant. Mrs. Angelicola-Manzolli and her students have been participating in the competition for past 17 years. This year, the fall session

yielded three, second place winners; Damon Diamantes, Morgan Rinaldi and Nicole Ignatowski. Joshua Schibi placed first and Grayson LaBerge, second, for the spring session.

## 5. All-Star Transportation:

All-Star Transportation has become a wholly owned subsidiary of Student Transportation of America. Representatives from All-Star, owners John Dufour and Leslie Sheldon, were present to provide information regarding the transaction and respond to questions. No immediate changes are anticipated. Approval for the modification is noted under "Actions".

6. Measles Vaccine Update RSD10:
Measles have been highlighted throughout the media and are considered a reportable disease in the State of Connecticut. Superintendent Linton noted that there are 34 students or 1% that are not immunized; 32 for religious exemptions and 2 for medical. Region 10 does have established protocols.

## Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve the minutes with the following amendment;

Budget Workshop; dated Monday, March 4, 2019; page 2 Lake Garda School/Harwinton Consolidated School

In reference to The Phonics Unit of Study, "The decision has not' been made to move forward with the program..."

#### Minutes:

Budget Workshop, Monday, March 4, 2019 Regular Meeting/Budget Workshop, Monday, March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting, Monday, April 8, 2019 Special Meeting/Expulsion Hearing, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 Special Meeting/Wednesday, April 24, 2019 Annual District Meeting, Monday, April 29, 2019

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

## Consent Agenda

A **motion** to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Eleanor Parente; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously. Items exhibited included:

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	A. Financials dated April 2019 B. Leave of absence requested by Amanda Corwin C. Letter of resignation submitted by Catherine Robacker D. Letter of resignation submitted by Andrew Pegg E. Notice to retire offered by Denise Genest F. Appointment of Jeffrey Linton as Interim Superintendent G. Appointment of Michael Spalinger, Math Teacher H. Appointment of Nicholas Teodosio, Math Teacher
Public Participation	The parents of Region #10 female students who are currently participating in local youth ice hockey programs are requesting to join Avon, Southington, Wethersfield, RAHM's girls' high school ice hockey co-op effective with the 19/20 school year. Layla Miller, Erin Falconer, Adam Platt, and Theresa Cahill spoke in support of.
Action Items	Graduation Requirements Revision Proposal (Second Review, Action Anticipated)  In order to graduate, a student must accumulate at least 25 credits according to the requirements provided in a handout by Principal Rau. In addition, students must also satisfactorily meet the district's performance standard in Language Arts and Mathematics.  A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Eleanor Parente to accept/approve the revised graduation requirements as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.  All-Star Transportation
	A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Dean Cowger to accept/approve and hereby acknowledge that more than thirty-three percent (33) in the membership interests of the Contractor are being transferred from the current owners to Student Transportation of American, Inc.; and that this transfer of ownership shall not be considered a prohibited deemed assignment of the Contract by Contractor under Section VIII. Of the Contract; all were in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
Business	Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update: All four schools have been meeting in small groups collecting feedback on goals, as well as data collection for Professional Learning Days, which was a major initiative this year. Hoping to have a report available for the board next month.

#### Girls' Ice Hockey

There was concern that the procedure was not being adhered to in reference to applying for an athletic team.

In response, Ms. Burke indicated that she, along with Superintendent Linton, met with David Francalangia, the Athletic Director and felt confident he was following the prescribed process.

Tonight's presentation was to be considered a first read. Next month would be the time to address any questions, with a final vote anticipated for the August meeting.

The co-op would commence with the 19/20 school year and have no impact on the district's facilities or resources at this time. This is not a CIAC sport; it is considered a club. Parents assume responsibility, no cost to Region 10.

Board Chair, Thomas Fausel, asked that the superintendent ensure that policy was adhered to prior to bringing the item back to the board for approval.

## **Stratostar/STEM Update**:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stratostar Day was held on a cold and windy April Saturday, (27<sup>th</sup>). Due to the weather, there were only 350 folks in attendance at the time of the launch opposed to 700 in previous years.

Ms. Burke took a moment to thank and compliment the staff members and students who orchestrated and/or participated in the event. She also thanked area organizations for their support and contributions.

May 20<sup>th</sup> is the last Professional Learning day and will conclude the NGSX (Next Generation Science Training) One-hundred percent of the science teachers in Region 10 have now participated in the full NGSX training.

## Level III Grievance

The union withdraws, without precedent and without prejudice regarding any other matter, internal grievance #17859, which was submitted to Step I on January 25, 2019.

## Board Committee Reports

#### **Facilities:**

Currently working through RFTs for significant projects over the course of the summer; removing an underground oil tank at Lake Garda School and renovating the band room.

Mr. Fausel signed the contract for the Weaver Property. The only remaining obligation is with respect to a plaque which is being made utilizing the wording the donator provided.

### **Curriculum:**

Meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd.

## Superintendent's Evaluation:

No report

## **Finance Committee:**

No meeting, but happy to report the referendum passed by 18 votes. There was concern expressed regarding the very low turnout.

#### **CREC:**

The language for implementer bill for raising magnet school funding has moved from 5% to 2%. CREC gave incomplete information regarding fingerprinting, which was reported by John Vecchitto at last month's meeting.

Mr. Vecchitto introduced an idea that CREC join NEASC. The superintendent and the director of CREC will be meeting with Ted Sergi to begin discussions.

Without construction, the CREC budget is down 9 million dollars.

## **Technology:**

Met earlier this evening. Open position, met with a candidate

## **Diversity:**

Let's Talk Community Conversation was held and had approximately 25 people in attendance with the next in September.

Next meeting of the committee is scheduled for June 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Thomaston Savings Bank.

	Would like the board to revisit the dress code for Senior Halloween costumes and guidelines for Mr. Mills.
	Executive Search Committee In the process of distributing the superintendent search flyer. Three informational sessions are scheduled for later in the week and a committee meeting anticipated the following week.
Upcoming Meetings	Regular Meeting; June 3, 2019; 7:00 p.m.; Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center/Reception 6:30 p.m.
Adjourn	A <b>motion</b> was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by John Vecchitto to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 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