

**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, June 3, 2019  
 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Thomas Fausel, Chairman  
 Bruce Guillemette, Vice Chairman (arrived 7:10 p.m.)  
 John Vecchitto  
 John Goodno  
 Paul Omichinski  
 Brooke Joiner  
 Dean Cowger  
 Wendy Darasz

**Absent:**

Assuntina (Susan) Baccaro  
 Eleanor Parente

**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  
 Patricia George, Recording Secretary

<b><i>Call to Order</i></b>	The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Thomas Fausel, at 7:00 p.m.
<b><i>Pledge of Allegiance</i></b>	The Pledge of Allegiance was cited
<b><i>Recognitions</i></b>	Retiring certified and non-certified staff were recognized for their years of service to Region 10. The newly nominated Teacher-of-the-Year and departing Senior Board Representative were also acknowledged.
<b><i>Communications</i></b>	<b><u>Student Representatives' Reports:</u></b> Senior Board Representative, Samuel Dorman provided his last report alongside Junior Representative, Kathryn Bergstrom.

	<p>With one week of school remaining, there were a number of year-end activities to highlight. AP Exams concluded with student scores anticipated July 5<sup>th</sup>, along with various award recognition programs, field trips and inductions to the honor societies.</p> <p><b><u>Brief Recess</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Superintendent's Report:</u></b>  Superintendent Linton stated that hiring was continuing at a fast pace with a number of vacancies filled. Of particular importance was the signing of a Speech and Language Pathologist.</p> <p>Superintendent Linton introduced Joseph Sousa, who was present at the meeting, as the new Director of Technology and Innovation.</p>
<p><b><i>Approval of Minutes</i></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; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Minutes Included:</u></b>  Regular meeting dated Monday, May 13, 2019  Special meeting dated Tuesday, May 14, 2019</p>
<p><b><i>Consent Agenda</i></b></p>	<p>A <b>motion</b> to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by John Vecchitto; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Consent Agenda items:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial reports dated May 2019</li> <li>• A letter of resignation submitted by Kathryn D'Elia, Special Education teacher, Har-Bur Middle School, effective with the conclusion of the 2018/2019 school year</li> <li>• The appointment of Dana Corriveau, Director of Student Support Services, effective July 1, 2019</li> <li>• The appointment of Joseph Sousa, Director of Technology and Innovation, effective June 10, 2019 (non-certified position)</li> <li>• The appointment of Nicole Lungarini, English teacher, Lewis S. Mills High School, effective with the 2019/2020 school year</li> <li>• The appointment of Shu Jin, .8 Chinese teacher, Lewis S. Mills High School, effective with the 2019/2020 school year</li> </ul>

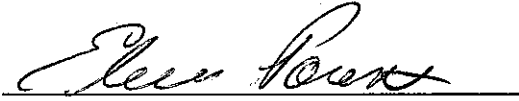
	<p>For the record there were no leaves of absence or retirements.</p> <p>Giovanna Adams</p> <p>House Bills 7082-7083, Acts concerning the inclusion of African American Studies and Puerto Rican and Latino Studies respectively have passed both the house and the senate. They are elective courses for high school students only and will be required of all Connecticut Public Schools commencing in July 2022.</p>
<b>Public Participation</b>	
<b>Action Items</b>	<p><b><u>Authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to make line item transfers to cover deficits</u></b></p> <p>A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette to authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to make line item transfers to cover line item deficits with the Superintendent's approval. Such transfers may not exceed the overall appropriation of the 2018/2019 budget without prior approval of the Board of Education; seconded by Brooke Joiner; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to hire staff over the summer</u></b></p> <p>A motion was made by Brooke Joiner to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to hire staff over the summer, if needed, after communication with the chairman of the board; seconded by Paul Omichinski; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Cancel July 8, 2019 Board of Education meeting</u></b></p> <p>A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by John Goodno to cancel the July 8, 2019 regular meeting of the Board of Education; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Policy 3323 Purchasing Procedures/Soliciting Prices (Bids and Quotations)</u></b></p> <p>On the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, a motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Dean Cowger to accept/approve the edits of Policy 3323; Purchasing Procedures/Soliciting Prices as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>

	<p><b><u>Rationale</u></b>  The primary purpose of the modification was to have a mechanism by which, if the need to move the process quicker was necessary, that it could be accomplished with the addition of a tier for purchases between \$25,001 - \$49,999. Other tier amounts were adjusted, as well.</p> <p><b><u>Implementation of the Teachers College Phonic Units of Study in Kindergarten and first grade and pilot the program in second grade</u></b></p> <p>John Vecchitto, a member of the Curriculum Committee, noted that the committee was given a very thorough presentation by the teachers.</p> <p>Board and Curriculum Committee member, Wendy Darasz read a letter expressing her disapproval of implementing the Teachers College Units of Study program noting that the Curriculum Committee did not research other programs, no alternative programs were explored, and the longitudinal impact was not considered. A number of informational links were provided for additional information.</p> <p>She also noted that she was disheartened and disappointed that more time, energy, and research was dedicated to the decision-making surrounding the move to the CCC than it was to choosing a foundational educational program.</p> <p>Paul Omichinski stated that it is critical to create a measurement structure to analyze data continuously early on to ensure that the program is viable.</p> <p>A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Brooke Joiner to accept/approve the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to fully implement the Teachers College Phonic Units of Study in Kindergarten and first grade and pilot in second grade with established measured criteria provided to the board in the fall of 2019; 7 board members were in favor; 1 opposed (Wendy Darasz); motion carried.</p>
<b><i>Business</i></b>	<p><b><u>Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Report</u></b>  Doreen O’Sullivan reported that the TLC is still hard at work continuing through the end of the year. Revisited the mission</p>

	<p>statement and embarked on small group discussions at the building level to open dialog.</p> <p><b><u>Girls' Ice Hockey</u></b>  In the absence of the Athletic Director, David Francalanga, Superintendent Linton provided a second overview of the proposed Lewis Mills Girls' Ice Hockey co-op. Avon is the host of the co-op and debuted the team in 2017 as part of the North Division of the Southern CT Conference (SCC). All practices and home games are played at the Newington Arena. This is not a CIAC sponsored sport; it is considered by the CIAC as a club sport.</p> <p>There will be no impact on Region 10 resources or facilities. Parents assume all costs for ice time, coaches, equipment, and transportation. The average cost per player is \$750-\$1,000 annually with fundraising efforts to help defray the cost. The cost of the entire program is divided amongst all players equally.</p> <p>All Mills' students will be eligible to play.</p> <p>A motion was made by Brooke Joiner and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve Region School District #10 female students currently participating in local youth ice hockey to join Avon, Southington, Wethersfield, RAHM's girls' high school ice hockey co-op; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p><b><i>Board Committee Reports</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>Facilities:</u></b>  Plan to meet within the next few weeks.</p> <p><b><u>Curriculum:</u></b>  In addition to the phonics program, the committee members are also looking at graduation requirements and protocols for the Curriculum Committee and how to move things forward to the full board.</p> <p><b><u>Superintendent's Evaluation:</u></b>  No report</p> <p><b><u>Finance Committee:</u></b>  No report</p> <p><b><u>CREC:</u></b>  All six of the RESCS alliance are making a conscientious effort to focus on regionalism and shared resources.</p>

	<p><b><u>Technology:</u></b> No report</p> <p><b><u>Diversity:</u></b> Upcoming meeting June 5</p> <p><b><u>Executive Search Committee</u></b> Continuing the search for a new superintendent; meeting tomorrow evening</p>
<b><i>Upcoming Meetings</i></b>	<p><b>Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; Monday, August 19, 2019; 7:00 p.m.; The Learning Center</b></p> <p><b>Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; Monday, September 9, 2019; 7:00 p.m.; Reception 6:30 p.m.; The Learning Center</b></p>
<b><i>Executive Session</i></b>	<p>A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Brooke Joiner to enter into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously. The board invited Superintendent, Jeffrey Linton; Director of Finance and Operations, Susan Laone; and Cheri Burke, the Director of Student Learning to join them.</p> <p><b><u>Public Session</u></b> The board returned to public session at 9:25 p.m.</p> <p>A motion was made by Paul Omichinski to amend the agenda to include a vote on adding the Associate Principal Position at Har-Bur Middle School; seconded by John Vecchitto; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Wendy Darasz to reinstate the Associate Principal position at Har-Bur Middle School; 7 in favor; 1 opposed (Bruce Guillemette); motion carried.</p>
<b><i>Adjourn</i></b>	<p>A <b>motion</b> was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>

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