

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, November 11, 2019
 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Thomas Fausel, Chairman
 Paul Omichinski
 Bruce Guillemette (arrived 7:30 p.m.)
 Eleanor (Ellie) Parente
 John Goodno
 Wendy Darasz
 John Vecchitto
 Dean Cowger
 Assuntina (Susan) Baccaro (arrived 7:30 p.m.)
 Brooke Joiner

Absent:

Kathryn Bergstrom, Senior Student Representative

Also Present:

Howard Thiery, Superintendent
 Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
 Patricia George, Recording Secretary
 Samuel DiSorbo, Junior Student Representative

<i>Call to Order</i>	The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Thomas Fausel, at 7:06 p.m.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
<i>Invited Guests</i>	It has been a standing tradition of the Region 10 Board of Education to invite town officials to speak as part of the district's initial budget preparation. First Selectmen Theodore Shafer of Burlington and Michael Criss of Harwinton were both present and provided town trends and forecasts to aid the district in constructing a budget.

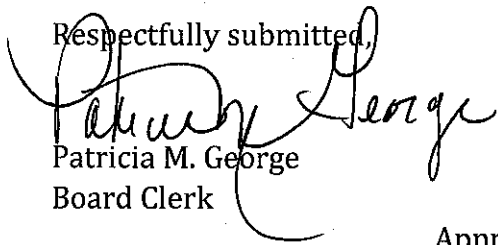
	<p><u>Gerry Mullen/Burlington Board of Finance:</u> Mr. Mullen suggested that the district's budget indicate the actual increase that the towns will pay over the previous year so that voters will know exactly what they are paying for.</p>
<p><i>Communications</i></p>	<p><u>Student Representatives' Reports:</u> Sam DiSorbo</p> <p>Sam highlighted several events at the high school including the National Foreign Language Honor Society Senior Citizen Prom, the final football game, which was held under the lights and attended by many, girls' Powder Puff game, and the commencement of state tournaments.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u></p> <p>Superintendent Thiery provided an entry update detailing focal points of his time in the district thus far. In addition to those described at the October board meeting, he continues to evolve monthly meetings with his Principals to include class visitations and follow up discussions focused on leading teaching and learning and is planning to establish ongoing PTA Leadership and student meetings after the holiday break.</p> <p>He has also attended various athletic and school events and is currently working with the District Leadership Team on data processes for continuous improvement and with the Director of Finance and Operations on budget development.</p>
<p><i>Approval of Minutes</i></p>	<p>A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; John Vecchitto abstained from the minutes dated Saturday, October 19, 2019; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><u>Minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meeting dated Monday, October 7, 2019 • Special meeting/Board Retreat dated Saturday, October 19, 2019
<p><i>Consent Agenda</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Reports dated October 2019 • Personnel Report <p>Ms. Laone, the Director of Finance and Operations, noted that the submission to the state for excess cost is due on December 1st. At that juncture, she will have a better understanding of what the</p>

	<p>district should anticipate in the way of reimbursement from the state.</p> <p>The personnel report for November consisted of several leaves of absence. For the record, there were no resignations, retirements, or appointments.</p> <p>A motion to accept/approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by John Vecchitto; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>
Public Participation	<p>Identified only as Melissa and Bjorn</p> <p>Both commented on the importance of addressing climate change; Bjorn asked that the use of Styrofoam plates and plastic ware be banned from use in the cafeteria.</p>
Action Items	<p><u>2020/2021 Regular Meetings of the Board of Education:</u> A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the regular meeting schedule for 2020/2021 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><u>Policy 1350 Possession of Deadly Weapons or Firearms:</u> A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Wendy Darasz to accept/approve the policy edit as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><u>Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trips:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston College Model United Nations Conference; March 20-22, 2020; Westin Copley Place; Boston • Spartan Band Spring Field Trip; Niagara Falls and Toronto Canada; May 28-31, 2020 <p>A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve the out-of-state field trips as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>
Business	<p><u>Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update:</u></p> <p>Katy Lenehan, a second grade teacher at Lake Garda School and one of the council's co-chairs thanked the board for providing the time every month for members to provide an update.</p>

	<p>An invitation to join the council has been extended to Lisa Melingonis, the district's Teacher-of-the-Year, to assist with the work planned for the year.</p> <p>Co-chairs Doreen O'Sullivan and Katy Lenehan will be meeting with Superintendent Thiery to review what the committee has accomplished thus far, their goals for the year and how to orchestrate those goals.</p>
<p>Board Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>Facilities:</u> No report</p> <p><u>Curriculum:</u> Proposing a revised structure for the curriculum process; two-tiered structure; draft of the process will be brought forward</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Evaluation:</u> A meeting will be scheduled with the Superintendent in the next week or two</p> <p><u>Finance Committee:</u> No report</p> <p><u>CREC:</u> A change in the leadership due to elections is expected</p> <p><u>Technology:</u> No report; next meeting is scheduled for December 9th at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Diversity:</u> A meeting was had with Ms. Adams, Superintendent Thiery and Mr. Fausel to discuss the effectiveness of the current HB4 and board relationship.</p> <p>Next meeting is scheduled for November 13th; Thomaston Savings Bank; Harwinton.</p> <p><u>CCC Assessment:</u> A plan, put together by the committee, was offered to each of the board members, provided a general overview of expectations and timeline.</p>

Upcoming Meetings	The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019; 7:00 p.m.; Har-Bur Middle School; Media Center
Acknowledgements	Board Chair, Thomas Fausel, recognized departing Board Members Susan Baccaro and Wendy Darasz for their years of service to the board. They were each presented with a clock and flowers.
Adjourn	A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia M. George
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 12/9/19
Eleanor Parente, Board Secretary

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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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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