

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 10
Regular Meeting
Zoom Webinar/Phone Conference
Monday, June 8, 2020
7:00 p.m.

The Board of Education Meeting was held through Zoom online and could be viewed at the following:

Link: *Joined by Internet (computer, iPhone, or android):* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84296288849>

Or by Phone: (888) 788-0099

Meeting ID: 842 9628 8849

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Board Members Present:

- Bruce Guillemette, Board Chair
- Thomas Fausel
- John Vecchitto
- Eleanor Parente
- Dean Cowger
- Scott Ragaglia
- Brooke Joiner
- Paul Omichinski
- John Goodno (arrived 7:10)

Absent:

- Ania Stolarz
- Samuel DiSorbo, Junior Class Board Representative

Also Present:

- Howard Thiery, Superintendent
- Vonetta Romeo-Rivers, Director of Teaching and Learning
- Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
- Kathryn Bergstrom, Senior Class Board Representative

<i>Call to Order</i>	The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Bruce Guillemette, at 7:00 p.m.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

<p>Recognitions</p>	<p>Superintendent Thiery recognized and congratulated the district's retiring staff members, Janice Bell, Greg Driscoll, Rose Dobis, Rebecca Morro, Elaine Ciarrcia, Jack Rua, and Nels English. He also paid homage to the district's newly appointed Teacher-of-the-Year, Althea Green and departing student board representative and graduating senior, Kathryn Bergstrom.</p> <p>Board members, Thomas Fausel, Bruce Guillemette, and Brooke Joiner acknowledged the Youth and Community Development awardees for the 19/20 school year, Meredith Porri, Jillian Vannini, Megan Norton and Laura Faga.</p> <p>All will be invited back for a formal presentation anticipated for the fall when the board is able to reconvene in their traditional setting.</p>
<p>Communications</p>	<p><u>Student Representative's Report:</u> Kathryn Bergstrom</p> <p>Kathryn offered her last report to the board for the Class of 2020. She noted that teachers and students were wrapping up the year and participated in their final class Zoom meetings last week. A Senior Class celebration is planned for Wednesday, June 10th, the original date of graduation. Graduation has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 20th.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u></p> <p>Virtual award ceremonies were held last week for the middle school and high school students; fifth grade orientation was also held. Superintendent Thiery explained that he and the administrators are striving to replicate as many of the year-end events that would be held in a typical school year and by any means currently available. The last day of classes for students is Monday, June 15th with reverse parades planned at all schools.</p> <p>The Steering Committee to address the re-opening of schools in the fall is being finalized this week. The committee will be comprised of various stakeholders, who will be responsible for the overarching work. The actual development of the plan will be done by working groups focused on specific areas of school reopening and operations during the coming year.</p> <p>The framework for the re-opening of schools was developed by a regional task force and was completed last week; copies will be disseminated to all board members. Superintendent Thiery anticipates having a plan in place, fully vetted by the Steering and</p>

	Board committees, by the middle of July with a finalized plan in place, ready for communication to the communities, by early August.
Approval of the Minutes	<p>Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Board dated Monday, May 4, 2020</p> <p>A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; Eleanor Parente and John Goodno abstained; motion carried.</p>
Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the Financial Reports dated May 2020 • Personnel Report <p>A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Eleanor Parente to accept/approve the Consent Agenda as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>
Public Participation	<p>Two letters were read into the record by Superintendent Thiery.</p> <p>A letter was received from the HB4Diversity, Inc. Team (Giovanna Adams, Traci Wells, Jeanne Lowrey, KC Rachuba, Michelle Weaver, and Julie Hansen) and was addressed to the board of education and administration and spoke to racial inequities in the schools and communities. The team indicated that they will continue to be available to advise and assist if requested. It is their hope that Regional School District 10 and the board of education will begin to focus on these issues by seeking out resources and reaching out to the ones that have been offered.</p> <p>The second letter read into the record was included with the correspondence from HB4Diversity, Inc. and was from a group of past and present members of the LSM Community and also addressed the racial inequities in the schools and the lack of accountability for students who exhibit racism.</p>
Action Items	<p>Annual authorization regarding budget line item transfers:</p> <p>A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto 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 2019/2020 budget without prior approval by the Board of Education; all were in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>

Annual authorization regarding new hires:

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Eleanor Parente to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to hire staff as necessary and after communication with the Board of Education Chairman; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Cancel July 13, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

No Motion

Vote to approve or disapprove Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2020-21. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2020-21 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services.

On a motion made by Paul Omichinski, be it resolved that the governing board for Regional School District #10 1.) authorizes the filing of FCC Form 471, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Services Ordered and Certification Form for the services and/or products as detailed in the attached report, "E-Rate Requests, FY 2020" for the year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and 2.) authorizes payment of the applicant's share subject to the following conditions (1) approval of funding of the discounted portion by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and (2) receipt of services during the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; Application #201027811; Pre-Discount Amount of \$24,705.12; E-Rate Amount of \$12,352.56; Applicant's Share \$12,352.56; was seconded by Eleanor Parente; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Intro to Rock/Pop Ensemble:

On the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee, a motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Eleanor Parente to adopt the *Intro to Rock/Pop Ensemble* course as presented; all were in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

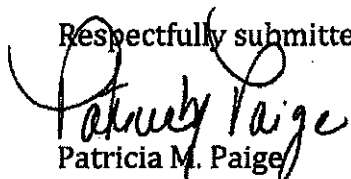
2021/2022 Region 10 School District Calendar:

A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by John Goodno to accept/approve the 2021/2022 District Calendar with

	<p>the following amendment; the last day of school will be a half-day; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously;</p> <p>Elementary Technology Purchase</p> <p>A COVID-19 Technology Funding proposal was prepared by Joe Sousa and Sue Laone with the direction and approval of the superintendent. The plan addressed avenues to close the gap on elementary technology; the concern does not rest only with the availability of technology, but also the variability. Students are using cell phones, mac books, tablets, and the like. From a teaching standpoint, the inequity and inconsistencies are problematic. The plan provides for all schools having one-to-one level technology and every student with a uniform piece of technology that works well with instructional methods, software packages, etc. The proposal indicates an acquisition of 850 new Windows-based Lenovo 300E devices totaling \$331,466 with funding through a combination of the CARES Act Funding and FY20 surplus.</p> <p>A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Dean Cowger to accept/approve the acquisition as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Business</p>	<p>Discussion on District Communication regarding Race and Equity</p> <p>Letters addressed “to the leaders, educators, and Region 10 as a whole” were sent to the Board of Education and administration in light of current events across the country addressing racial inequities. The letter, (which was replicated and sent by many concerned parties) described several racist events that occurred in the district over time and the lack of accountability for the students who participated in those incidents.</p> <p>The letter states that residents, alumni and students are deeply concerned about the racism that persists within the communities and more importantly, the schools.</p> <p>A position statement was generated in response to the communication.</p> <p>Moving forward, Superintendent Thiery indicated that clear expectations and standards need to be put in place and supported. Students, staff, faculty and the community must learn how to have conversations.</p>

	In process is the development of a strategic plan, which will encompass the elements of community listening and partnership, teachers and staff capacity and culture, student capacity and culture, policy and practice including discipline, and curriculum, instruction and assessment and will serve as the framework of the initial processes.
Board Reports	<p><u>Committees:</u></p> <p>Facilities No Report</p> <p>Curriculum Planning a meeting for next week; in process</p> <p>Superintendent's Evaluation Paul Omichinski and Tom Fausel are arranging to meet this week to discuss how to move forward</p> <p>Finance Committee No Report</p> <p>Technology Plan to meet next week</p> <p>CCC Assessment Still waiting to see what happens with sports; things remain at a standstill</p> <p><u>Liaisons:</u></p> <p>CREC Four new programs are being offered; John Vecchitto learned about financial neutrality from Tim Sullivan, which is a way of determining tuition for CREC; election of board of directors was held and John Vecchitto was included for another year</p> <p>HB4Diversity Eleanor Parente plans to connect with Giovanna Adams</p>
Upcoming Meetings	Regular meeting July 13, 2020; 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting August 24, 2020; 7:00 p.m.
Adjourn	A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Eleanor Parente to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia M. Paige
Board Clerk

Approval: _____


Brooke Joiner, Board Secretary

Date: 7/15/2020

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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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Robert's Rules state, "Minutes are a record of what was done at a meeting, not a record of what was said." [RONR (11th ed.), p. 468, ll. 16-18] which is the standard for which board minutes strive. For this reason the minutes will typically not reflect the discussion surrounding a motion, only its outcome.

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