

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Budget Workshop
Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, March 07, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Phillip Penn, Chairman
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman
Corey Rewenko
John Goodno
John Vecchitto
Bruce Guillemette
Susan Baccaro
Eleanor Parente
Brooke Joiner

Absent:

Paul Omichinski

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Cheri Burke – Director of Student Learning
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Patricia George, Recording Secretary

- I. Call to Order:
Board Chair, Phillip Penn, called to order the budget workshop at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
Phillip Penn led the pledge of allegiance
- III. Communications:
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Update of the 2016/2017 Estimate of Expenses

The crux of Superintendent Beitman's latest overview of the 2016/2017 Estimate of Expenses was a recommendation to the Board to utilize the overages on several of the 2015/2016 budget lines to purchase a number of the items listed under new money. Although this practice had not been done historically, he encouraged the Board to consider it. For example, he proposed using the fuel savings realized from a very kind winter, to replace the concrete plaza at Lewis S. Mills High School. Monies from the Title I Grant, bond

savings, and unemployment would also be used to make several one-time purchases for items noted under new money.

The current 2016/2017 dollar increase, without new money, stands at \$1,003,026 or 2.64%.

2. BoE Questions/Answers

Superintendent Beitman publicly acknowledged the entire school district for performing exceptionally well in all areas of the Accountability Index, with notable performances by the two elementary schools. Harwinton Consolidated School was designated as a "School of Distinction".

Lake Garda School/Harwinton Consolidated School

Principals Stefanie Carbone and Megan Mazzei worked collectively to align their budgets for the elementary school grades.

The textbook and supply lines were examined and realigned to account for each of the disciplines. It was also noted that the textbook budget line indicates an increase due to the purchase of consumables for the Bridges Math program acquired for students in grades 3 and 4.

Student Support Services

Linda Carabis, Director of Student Support Services, presented her budget rationale to the Board.

The leading difference in her budget lies within tuition costs. The driving factor in the rising fees is directly related to the decrease in funds reimbursed from the state and federal government. Tuition is inclusive of outplaced students and for those students who attend magnet schools and receive special services.

Curriculum and Instruction

Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning presented.

Ms. Burke indicated that her budget rationale was fiscally responsible and that adjustments were made to streamline services and put the money where it is really needed.

Key points included the contractual obligation of Professional Development for Administrators at \$2,000 per administrator annually.

Ms. Burke noted that membership fees have increased across the board.

She also provided a justification for two new spending items under new money which were the STEM program and the Reader's Workshop.

Technology

Leigh Pont, Head Technology Teacher

Mr. Pont stated that the focus on the Technology department's budget was to support the learning that happens in the classroom. The budget presented was inclusive of supply replacement purchases and renewal of leases.

Facilities and Operations

Mr. Fortin, Director of Facilities and Operation, noted that overall his budget was down due to the decrease in the oil line. An increase was realized in the area of supplies.

Operations and Security

Ms. Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations, indicated that transportation costs were down, but there was a large increase in communication costs due to the loss of Erate funding.

IV. Board of Education Review of the 2016/2017 Estimate of Expenses

A brief question and answer period followed each individual budget justifications presented.

V. Public Participation:

Tania McNaboe

-Spoke in support of a proposal that will be put on the budget regarding PSATs for students in grades 9, 10, and 11

VI. Budget Workshops will be held on:

Next budget workshop/regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14th

VII. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Thomas Fausel to adjourn the budget workshop at 9:10 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



John Vecchitto, Secretary

7/18/16

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