

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
**Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center**  
**26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013**  
Monday, April 18, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Phillip Penn, Board Chairman  
Paul Omichinski  
John Vecchitto  
Eleanor (Ellie) Parente  
Bruce Guillemette  
Susan Baccaro  
Brooke Joiner  
Corey Rewenko

**Absent:**

John Goodno  
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman  
Jenna Sadecki, Student Representative

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman, Superintendent  
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations  
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning  
Brian Drisdelle, Student Representative

- I. Call to Order:  
Board Chairman Phillip Penn called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m.
  
- II. Mr. Penn led the pledge of allegiance.
  
- III. Special Recognition:  
Principal Megan Mazzei presented Emily Roberts with a certificate of recognition from Denise Merrill, Secretary of the State, for her service to community. Emily, a student at Harwinton Consolidated School, solicited donations for the Two Hearts Pregnancy Center.
  
- IV. Communications:
  - A. Student Representatives' Reports:  
Brian Drisdelle reported on activities at the high school which included preparation for AP Exams, National Honor Society applications, college tours, and sport team activities.

B. Superintendent's Report:

1. Update of the 2016/2017 Estimate of Expenses

There was no new information to provide the Board with regards to Region 10's Estimate of Expenses; however, Superintendent Beitman cautioned that the state is currently making cuts and it isn't over until it's over. An informational budget mailer was also provided to Board members; plans are to have it in the mail to residents the early part of next week, just in time for the referendum.

2. Superintendent's Goals

Superintendent Beitman reviewed the five goals that were established for the Superintendent and their current status.

V. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

A motion was made by Brooke Joiner and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the minutes for:

A. Budget Workshop dated Monday, March 7, 2016

B. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, March 14, 2016

C. Public Hearing dated Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

D. Special Meeting dated Monday, March 28, 2016 (immediately following Public Hearing)

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Corey Rewenko to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Participation:

Dean Cowger

Spoke in support synthetic field at Lewis S. Mills High School

VIII. Actions:

A. Mission Statement

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the Mission Statement with edits:

"Regional School District #10 provides a safe and respectful learning environment to promote academic excellence and personal growth.

We work collectively to cultivate the skills and knowledge for our students to be inquisitive create inquisitive learners, innovative leaders, and responsible citizens".

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Quebec Field Trip for 2017

A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Corey Rewenko to accept/approve the field trip request as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. Reschedule Regular Meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>

High School graduation will be held on the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup>, on the same evening that the Board was to convene. This conflict in schedules prompted the change in the Board of Education meeting.

A motion was made by Susan Baccaro and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the date change as presented; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

IX. Business:

A. 2015/2016 End-of-Year Activities

A calendar of primary, end-of-year activities was offered to the Board members for consideration. They were asked to contact the Superintendent if they wished to participate in any of the events.

B. Hockey Coop Review:

Ice hockey had a successful season, with two players committed to the coop this year. Currently eight students expressed an interest for next year with three signed to date. There was no financial obligation from the Board of Education; monies emanated from fundraising efforts or a pay-to-play fee of \$1,000. Overall, it was a positive experience.

C. Swim Team Practices:

Athletic Director, David Francalangia, provided a report which included pools in the area that might be available to Region 10 for swim practices. The report noted availability, cost per hour, diving board accessibility, lanes and depth of pool, and time offered. Based on the report, he concluded that nothing was suitable for afterschool practices because the pools are currently booked solid. Options that might become available include Miss Porter's or the Plainville YMCA. Both options present their own challenges.

D. Quarterly Concussion Report:

Athletic Director, David Francalangia, provided a breakdown of concussion incidents as of March 12, 2016 (fall and winter seasons) for both Lewis Mills High School and Har-Bur Middle School athletes. His report included the sport, the number of participants, and the number of concussion incidents within the sports activity.

E. Field Updates

David Fortin, Director of Facilities, apprised the Board of the current condition of the fields, stating that they are in nice shape at this point in

time. Additionally, he noted that plans are to construct a storage facility with the monies that were recently donated anonymously.

X. Committee Reports:

Paul Omichinski reported that the Facilities Committee was asked to investigate improvements to one of the fields, referred to as the primary field, at Lewis Mills High School with regards to installing a synthetic turf surface. The request was prompted by concerned parents who wanted to ensure that the district was providing the appropriate facilities for sports program. Specific details were provided.

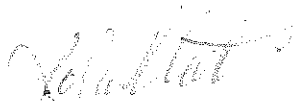
XI. Upcoming Meetings:

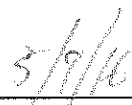
Board members were reminded of the Annual Budget Meeting, which is scheduled for May 2, 2016; the referendum on May 3<sup>rd</sup>; and the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

XII. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Susan Baccaro and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the special meeting at 8:44 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Vecchitto, Secretary

  
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Date

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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