

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, May 9, 2016
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Phillip Penn – Chairman
Thomas Fausel – Vice Chairman
John Vecchitto
Paul Omichinski
Eleanor Parente
Corey Rewenko
Brooke Joiner (arrived 7:08 p.m.)
Bruce Guillemette

Absent:

Susan Baccaro
John Goodno

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
Brian Drisdelle, Student Representative
Jenna Sadecki, Student Representative
Patricia George, Recording Secretary

- 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. Communications:
 - A. Superintendent's Report
The search for a principal of Lewis Mills High School continues with four candidates moving to the next round of interviews. The process is on schedule, with a formal appointment scheduled for the June 6th Board of Education meeting.

The Board was reminded that their meeting scheduled for June 13, 2016 was moved back one week to June 6th due to a conflict with the Lewis S. Mills High School graduation.

B. Student Representatives' Reports

Student representatives Jenna Sadecki and Brian Drisdelle provided reports on current events at the high school - the most important to note was the countdown to summer vacation as students prepare for their final exams. Additional information was provided on new member inductions to NHS & NFLHS, spring sports, AP testing, progress reports, awaited SAT scores, Big Band Bash, and the highly anticipated prom and mock car crash scheduled for the week's end.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes for:

- a) Technology Committee dated Monday, March 21, 2016
- b) Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, April 18, 2016
- c) Annual District Meeting on Budget dated Monday, May 2, 2016

A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the minutes of the Board of Education as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Financial Reports dated April 2016
- B. Appointments:
 - 1) Joseph Trahan, School Counselor, Lewis S. Mills High School
 - 2) Meridith Silver, School Counselor, Lewis S. Mills High School
- C. Leaves of Absence:
 - 1) Amanda Ferrucci, School Counselor, Har-Bur Middle School
- D. Resignations:
 - 1) Brianna Gasiewski, School Counselor, Lewis S. Mills High School
- E. Retirements: n/a

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Corey Rewenko to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented;

Further Discussion

Ms. Laone, the Director of Finance and Operations, noted that the transportation grant was received by the district and fell short of the anticipated dollar amount by approximately \$58,000 for the current year. Next year, the grant, which was projected to be approximately \$140,000, will not be offered, which translates to opening the year with a negative revenue.

The final payment for excess cost has not been received to date, but Ms. Laone is hopeful that she will receive notice of what the district can expect within the next few weeks. An additional 4.2 million dollars is slated to be cut from the State's excess cost grant program in 2016/2017, in addition to the \$8 million that was cut in 2015/2016.

all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Participation

There was no public participation

VII. Actions

A. 2017/2018 Calendar

A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the 2017/2018 school calendar as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy 3560 Nutrition Services Charging Policy

This is a newly created policy established to address the charging of meals. Key factors to document are that no student will go unfed; after three charged meals, the student will be offered an alternative meal with all the components. This would constitute a chargeable meal to the federal government. Furthermore, after June 1st, the student will not be allowed to charge for any additional meals.

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve Policy 3560 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. Policy 6161.2

Policy 6161.2 addresses Care of Instructional Materials and was amended to allow language for the Board of Education, in addition to lost or damaged instructional materials, to withhold report cards, etc. on unsettled student cafeteria accounts. A motion was made by Corey Rewenko and seconded by Eleanor Parente to accept Policy 6161.2 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

D. Lunch Price Increase

With rising costs, the district lunch program will be in a deficit position in the ensuing year if lunch prices are not addressed. Additionally, the district is not adhering to the equity formula established by the state and will be cited for lack of action if no increase is approved. Discussions ensued regarding several price increases, with and without the state funding of ten cents per meal, and their overall effect on the budget for each increase scenario.

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski to increase the current lunch prices by 50 cents; there was no second. Motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Corey Rewenko to increase the current lunch prices by 40 cents; six in favor; Paul Omichinski opposed; motion carried 6-1.

VII. Business:

A. Draft Policy – Use of Social Media

Superintendent Beitman highlighted some of the key points of the policy and indicated that he would like to have it approved for the start of the ensuing school year.

Mr. Penn suggested several language changes, which will be addressed with the Board's attorney.

Conversations were then had regarding the section "No Linking" and what was the intent behind the language in the policy.

Again, concerns were raised with some of the wording. This, too, will be addressed with the Board's attorney.

B. Policy 6167

Administrative Regulations – presented as an informational piece.

C. Amended Policy 3170 Board Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers

This is a first review of amendments to Policy 3170. It is slated to be approved at the June 6th Board of Education meeting.

D. Curriculum Update

Director of Student Learning, Ms. Cheri Burke, remarked on a number of district initiatives including the hiring of an Enrichment Teacher, a Reading Workshop, big push for STEM, and addressing the Homework Policy to name a few.

VIII. Committee Reports:

CREC Update: John Vecchitto

As of May 18, 2016 Region 10 will have a seat on the CREC Board of Directors which will be filled by Board of Education Member, John Vecchitto.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center.

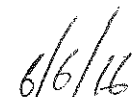
X. Adjourn

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:19 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



John Vecchitto, Secretary



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