

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, September 12, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Phillip Penn, Board Chairman
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman
John Vecchitto
Eleanor (Ellie) Parente
Bruce Guillemette
Susan Baccaro
Brooke Joiner

Absent:

Corey Rewenko
Paul Omichinski
John Goodno

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Brian Drisdelle, 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. Special Guests:
Building principals were invited to introduce their respective new certified staff members to the Board and community members. A brief summary of their work history and an interesting fun fact was shared.

Superintendent Beitman, along with Board Chair, Phillip Penn introduced Robert Gauvain, the district's Teacher-of-the-Year to the new staff members. Superintendent Beitman referred to Mr. Gauvain as a, "symbol of all that is good in Region 10."

Brief Recess / Resumed at 7:15 p.m.

IV. Communications:

A. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Beitman took a moment to share a card of appreciation that he recently received from Ms. Brenda Crowell expressing her gratitude for the gift certificate and proclamation provided to her as part of the Board's retirement recognition last month.

1. Enrollment Update

Enrollment continues to fluctuate with the official reporting date of October 1st approaching. The district concluded the 2015/2016 school year with 2,457 students. As of today, there were 2,422 or 35 fewer students across all the grade levels. Enrollment was projected at 2,553; or a 131 difference. Big changes influencing enrollment numbers include Vo-ag and Magnet school matriculation. October 1st numbers will be highlighted at the Board's next meeting.

2. Board of Education Quarterly Update

The third of a quarterly update series encompassing the Board's goals was provided by Superintendent Beitman. The report identifies relevant updates from each department in the school district.

Also discussed was the process by which the newest student representative to the Board will be selected. Five juniors have expressed an interest; each will submit an anonymous essay with the junior who submitted the strongest essay serving as the student representative.

A search committee is being instituted to launch the process for selecting the next Assistant Principal at Lewis S. Mills High School. Currently there are 60 interested parties who have submitted applications for the position.

B. Student Representative Report: Brian Drisdelle

With school back in session, Senior representative Brian Drisdelle reported on the many new year activities currently underway including new club memberships, the commencement of the sport season, and Tavern day, one of the first marching band activities.

V. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the Board minutes as presented:

A. Special Meeting dated Monday, August 22, 2016

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Regular Meeting dated Monday, August 22, 2016

Six in favor; none opposed; Eleanor Parente abstained due to absence; motion carried.

VI. Consent Agenda:
A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Thomas Fausel to accept/approve the Consent agenda as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Participation
There was no public participation

VIII. Actions:

A. Annual Appointment of Auditor

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve the firm of Mahoney Sabol as the district's auditors; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy 5113.1 Non-Resident Twelfth Grade Student Attendance

The crux of the policy would allow for students in the 12th grade who are in good standing and who were in attendance in 11th grade within Region 10, an opportunity to graduate from Lewis S. Mills High School.

Superintendent Beitman asked that the Board approve the policy with several recommended edits:

Exclude the first two commentaries, which the Board Attorney indicated were optional, but maintain the Special Education/Section 504 information.

A motion was made by Susan Bacarro and seconded by Eleanor Parente to adopt the policy striking the three sections noted *Commentary* and striking the section entitled *Student Conduct*;

The motion was later amended to include the section entitled *Student Conduct*, striking the last sentence, "Accordingly, such attendance may be revoked at the sole discretion of the Superintendent upon finding that the student has violated the Lewis S. Mills High School Code of Conduct."

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

IX. Business:

A. Policy 5113.1A Non-Resident Twelfth Grade Student Attendance
Administrative Regulation (Informational)

B. End-of-Year Concussion Update

A summation on concussions was provided for both the middle and high school sports per the Board's directive. Efforts are being made to reduce concussions through education of the coaches and students and by working closely with the children's doctors and their families.

Superintendent Beitman was asked to remind the Athletic Director that the Board would like to review comparative data tracked over time.

X. Committee Reports:

A. 2016 CABE/CAPSS Convention

Board members interested in attending the CABE/CAPSS convention in November were reminded to contact Patricia George to complete the registration process.

Beginning with next month's Board agenda, standing committees will provide reports. Currently, there is no process in place to bring information back to the Board as a whole. Chairs will be asked to provide a brief summation of what was discussed.

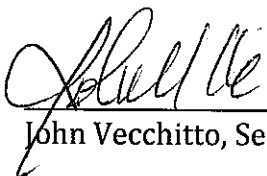
XI. Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center

XII. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Brooke Joiner to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:45 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