

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**The Learning Center**  
**26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013**  
Monday, October 3, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
(With amendments - Board approved 11/14/2016)

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Absent:**

John Goodno

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman, Superintendent  
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning  
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations  
Savanna Arcuri, Student Representative  
Brian Drisdelle, Student Representative (arrived 7:06 p.m.)  
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:
    1. October 1<sup>st</sup> Enrollment Update  
October 1<sup>st</sup> is the legal notification enrollment date for schools across Connecticut. Despite that fact, enrollment numbers for Magnet, Vo-ag and Vo-tech schools have not been made available to the district. Superintendent Beitman reported that the 2015/2016 school year concluded on June 14<sup>th</sup> with 2,552 students. Projected enrollment for the commencement of the 2016/2017 was estimated to be 2,553 students. Currently there are 2,490 students, which is 62 students

fewer than what the year ended with in June and 63 fewer than what was projected. Typically, families move into the district as the school year progresses. Superintendent Beitman anticipates that the enrollment number will reach 2,500 once again.

2. Swim Team Update

It was reported that efforts to secure more reasonable swim team practice times were currently in the works, specifically with Miss Porter's School. Superintendent Beitman indicated he expected to have an update to the Board at their November meeting as October is typically the month that aquatic directors begin to set their schedules.

B. Student Representatives' Reports: Savanna Arcuri and Brian Drisdelle

Superintendent Beitman took a moment to introduce newly appointed student representative, Savanna Arcuri to the Board of Education. Ms. Arcuri, representing her junior classmates, reported on events including Ally Week, which is sponsored by the Diversity Club; PSATs; homecoming; and the first place status of the Lewis S. Mills' Marching Band.

Brian Drisdelle reported on progress reports, the fall sports season, the anticipation of Senior Halloween, and club membership status.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

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

A. Regular meeting dated Monday, September 12, 2016

Eight in favor; none opposed; Corey Rewenko abstained due to absence; motion carried.

B. Special meeting dated Monday, September 26, 2016

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda:

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

VI. Public Participation

There was no public participation

VII. Actions:

A. Harvard Model U.N. Conference Field Trip

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

- B. Director of Student Learning's Contract Extension  
A motion was made by Susan Baccaro and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the one year contract extension for Ms. Cheri Burke, the Director of Student Learning; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- C. Director of Finance and Operation's Contract Extension  
A motion was made by Susan Baccaro and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the one year contract extension for Ms. Susan Laone, the Director of Finance and Operations; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Business:

- A. 2018/2019 School Calendar Committee  
Region 10's Calendar Committee is comprised of staff, Board members, students, and community members and headed by Assistant Principal, Peter Bogen. At this time, the Board asked Mr. Bogen to convene the Committee to establish the 2018/2019 Region 10 calendar.
- B. CABA (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education)  
Board Member, John Vecchitto advocated for Region 10's membership in the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. Although membership is not inexpensive at ~~just under \$10,000~~ "\$9,700 (with half of that in the first year)" he felt sometimes "you have to spend money to make money." He expressed the importance of being part of an organization that is lobbying hard for change in an effort to minimize some of the cuts that are inevitably coming down the pike.  
  
Some "A" Board member expressed concern with a CABA membership, noting that CABA's goals aren't always aligned with the goals of Region 10. Superintendent Beitman offered to invite Mr. Robert Rader, Executive Director of CABA, to a future Board meeting to address some of the questions and concerns presented.

IX. Committee Reports:

- A. Board Committee Reports:
  - 1. Facilities: Paul Omichinski noted that the committee did not meet, but commented that the fields and track look great.
  - 2. Curriculum: No report- next meeting Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - 3. Superintendent's Evaluation: Paul Omichinski reported that the committee had completed the Superintendent's evaluation process and determined that Superintendent Beitman's performance for the 2015/2016 meets the Board's expectations and warranted a Proficient rating. The committee recommended a one year extension to Superintendent Beitman's contract and a compensation increase of 1.75%, both of which were voted on at the conclusion of their special meeting last week.

4. Finance: No report
5. CREC: John Vecchitto provided information to the Board with examples of topics CREC is currently addressing.
6. Technology: Mr. Thomas Fausel offered a summary of the committee's meeting from October 19<sup>th</sup>. He explained that last year the focus was on the infrastructure. This year the committee is putting their efforts into determining what they will do with the infrastructure now that it is in place.

B. CABA/CAPSS

Board members were reminded to contact Patricia George if they planned on attending the CABA/CAPSS Convention in November.

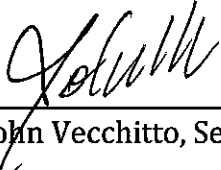
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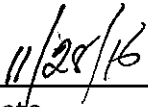
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is Monday, November 14, 2016.

XII. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Susan Baccaro to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:37 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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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