

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Zoom Webinar/Phone Conference
Monday, August 24, 2020

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Board Members Present:

John Vecchitto, Chairman
Dean Cowger
Brooke Joiner
Paul Omichinski
Thomas Fausel
Eleanor Parente
John Goodno
Ania Stolarz
Scott Ragaglia
Scott Savelle

Absent: None

Also Present:

Howard Thiery, Superintendent
Vonetta Romeo Rivers, Director of Teaching and Learning
Dana Corriveau, Director of Student Services
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Joseph Sousa, Director of Technology
Christopher Rau, Lewis Mills Principal
Jay Pelchar, Lewis Mills Athletic Director

<i>Call to Order</i>	The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, John Vecchitto at 7:00 p.m.
<i>Pledge of</i>	The pledge was recited.


<i>Allegiance</i>	
<i>Communications</i>	<p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Superintendent Thiery explained that in depth updates on reopening and the remote learning program for students who opt out of returning to school are on the agenda later in this meeting. He reported the following about students who opted out: 248 students have been opted out HCS 57 LGS 47 HB 87 LSM 57 Based on a student population of approximately 2260 that is around 11% of the Region10 students</p>
<i>Approval of Minutes</i>	<p><u>Minutes:</u> A. Public Hearing on Budget, Monday, May 4, 2020 B. Special Meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 C. Special Meeting, Monday, August 3, 2020</p> <p>A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Brooke Joiner to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; Scott Savelle Abstained; motion carried.</p>
<i>Consent Agenda</i>	<p><u>Consent Agenda items:</u> A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated July 31, 2020</p> <p>B. Personnel Report</p> <p>A motion was made by Ellie Parente and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept the Consent Agenda as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried.</p>
<i>Public Participation</i>	<p>Public Comment submitted by email was read into the record by Superintendent Thiery: Dan Buchanan, Lewis Mills Parent advocating for the right for students to choose whether to have their class rank on their transcript Giovanna Adams/HB4 Diversity regarding dissolving the liaison role with the BOE and partnering with administration in future work. Michelle Bernetich regarding the hybrid learning schedule</p>
<i>Action Items</i>	<p>A. Memorandum of Understanding with Teachers Union</p>

	<p>(READ 10) Motion was made by Paul Omichinski to approve the MOU with the Teachers Union READ 10, the motion was seconded by Dean Cowger Vote all in favor; none opposed; Ellie Parente Abstained motion carried.</p>
<p>Business</p>	<p>A. Fall Athletics A presentation was made by Lewis Mills Principal Chris Rau and Athletic Director Jay Pilchar regarding fall athletics related to the COVID19 Pandemic. The CIAC is still working with the DPH to align their position and guidelines on football and girls volleyball. They are aligned for all other fall sports. The Board asked the administration to develop a Region 10 plan for Fall Athletics similar to the plan for reopening of school. This plan may include guidance from various relevant organizations, CIAC, DPG, CDC etc. and should represent our Districts plan for athletics in the fall. The plan. Will be presented to the Board at the September 14th Regular Meeting.</p> <p>B. School Reopening Update Director of Teaching and Learning Vonetta Romeo Rivers presented the plan for delivering remote instruction to the students whose parents have opted them out of returning to school in the fall and answered questions from the Board. Elementary students will be part of a grade level class with a Region 10 teacher assigned to that class. There will be one section for every grade except grade one where there will be two sections. Middle school students will also be assigned a Region 10 teacher for each of their remote learning classes. High School students will have a combination of Region 10 teachers and online course through Edgenuity and or Virtual High School.</p>
<p>Board Committee Reports</p>	<p>Board Reports: A. Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities: Has not met • Curriculum: Will meet in September to review the Personal Finance class and in October to look at the class rank issue raised in public comment • Superintendent’s Evaluation: Is pulling together the

	<p>finished parts of the superintendent's evaluation and will share with the Board when it is completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee: Chair Ellie Parente will plan the next meeting with Sue Laone • Technology: Has not met. • CCC Assessment: John Vecchitto met with Principal Rau and our new AD Jay Pelchar to review the assessment process and plan how to move forward. Committee will meet this fall. <p>B. Liaisons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CREC: Has gained the Head Start contract for the whole Hartford Region. CREC will open the new Aeronautics magnet school in Rocky Hill. CREC is considering eliminating its Board of Directors. John has continued to advocate for a continuous improvement process at CREC. • HB4 Diversity : Will be removed from future agendas
Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Thiery
Superintendent

Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 9/26/20
Dean Cowger, Board Secretary

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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]

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RSD10 Chair