

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**THE LEARNING CENTER**  
**24 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013**  
Monday, October 7, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Joseph Arcuri, Vice Chairman  
Susan Baccaro  
Beth Duffy  
Thomas Fausel  
Theresa Foley  
Paul Omichinski  
Phillip Penn  
Ted Scheidel  
Raymond Sikora, Chairman  
Noel Turner

**Board Members Absent:** n/a

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman, Superintendent  
Bob Choiniere, Director of Student Learning  
Dave Fortin, Building and Grounds Supervisor  
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations  
Pamela Lazaroski, Principal, Lewis S. Mills High School  
Katie Hurlock, Student Representative  
Eric Uhl, Student Representative  
Patricia George, Recording Secretary

- I. Call to order  
The Board Chairman, Ray Sikora, established a quorum and called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Board Chairman, Ray Sikora, led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Communications:
  - A. Superintendent's Report  
Superintendent Beitman indicated that the district's schools were fully staffed. Two Spanish teachers are awaiting approval of their Durational Shortage Area Permits (DSAP) from the state.
  - B. Student Representatives' Reports  
Student Representative Katie Hurlock's report included information on the "Welcome Back" dance for students attending Lewis S. Mills High School; Interim Reports, which mark the halfway point of the first

quarter; and the annual Harwinton Fair. She also reported on the Band Fall Foliage Parade and the Math Team competitions.

Student Representative Eric Uhl reported that last month the Mill's robotics club was invited to a competition at Central Connecticut State University. The team's assignment was to design, build, and program a fully functional robot in 40 days that will complete three different tasks. The competition is scheduled for November 3rd. The team will be competing against 12 other teams.

Spirit week begins on the 21<sup>st</sup> and includes activities such as mix-match day, twin day, color wars, and ends with a "red carpet" themed homecoming dance on the 26th.

At the end of the month, the annual senior Halloween will be held. The best costume will win a prize.

IV. Approval of Board of Education Minutes for:

A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, September 9, 2013

On a motion made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Noel Turner to accept/approve the Board of Education minutes dated Monday, September 9, 2013 with the following amendment:

Remove Board member Joe Arcuri as present at the meeting;

Joe Arcuri and Phillip Penn abstain; motion carried unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the Financial Report dated September 2013

On a motion made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Noel Turner to accept/approve the Financial Report dated September 2013; motion carried unanimously.

B. Surplus from Fiscal Year 11/12

On a motion made by Joe Arcuri and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the transfer of \$300,000 from the 2011/2012 surplus to be used for security, S.E.E.D., and the Harwinton Consolidated School bathroom renovations;

Further Discussion:

Superintendent Beitman indicated that Business Manager Sue Laone had met with the auditors, who recommended that the Board have a formal motion to approve the transfer.

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Appointments:  
1. Kristin Parente  
A motion was made by Theresa Foley and seconded by Ted Scheidel to accept/approve the appointment of Kristin Parente as a Math Interventionist teacher at Har-Bur Middle School; motion carried unanimously.
- D. Leaves of Absence: n/a
- E. Resignations: n/a
- F. Retirements: n/a

## VI. Public Participation

Paul Stawarz  
Burlington

A long-time resident of Burlington and currently the chairperson of the Park and Recreation commission, Mr. Stawarz wanted to go on record to state that there is a significant need to the community for additional fields, which both he, and the commission are in favor of.

Amanda Stocker

Currently a senior at Lewis S. Mills High School, Amanda spoke to the Board on behalf of the girls' volleyball team. The team will be having a "Dig Pink" volleyball game against Terryville on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The money raised will benefit breast cancer awareness.

Kelly Fecteau  
Burlington

Ms. Fecteau's comments were geared toward the crew infrastructure that is being proposed to house the boats. A crew parent for three seasons, she recognizes that crew has an extensive amount of expenses allocated for the sport and the equipment, which does not have a permanent home. Ms. Fecteau said the building of the infrastructure is highly needed.

Jay Murdick  
Burlington

Mr. Murdick is a graduate of Lewis S. Mills High School, Class of 1978 and a life-long resident of Harwinton/Burlington. He asked that the Board support the growth in and field development due to the increased participation in sports.

VII. Actions:

- A. Approval of a January 2014 Athletic Complex Referendum not to exceed \$3.4 million dollars for a new artificial turf field, track replacement, tennis court replacement, and related short term financing and bonding costs. In addition, a crew boat storage facility not to exceed \$100,000.

Chairperson Ray Sikora deferred to Paul Omichinski, Chair of the Facilities Committee. As a representative of the committee, Paul had asked for funds to complete a study on the athletic programs and facilities, which was ultimately performed by David Dickson and his firm.

In summary, the track on campus has reached well past the end of its useful life, Mr. Omichinski stated. Due to the limitations of ground space, there needs to be more utilization of existing space and the fix would be artificial turf surfaces. He said they are not inexpensive, and like the track surface, have a life to them. "There is not much of a choice", he said, "if the district is to serve its students and the community." The technological advantage of a turf field is that you do not have to "rest" the field in order to expand its life usage.

With the district going to a referendum to address the track and the possibility of a field improvement, it made sense that, at the same time, the committee took into consideration other athletic programs that may require attention. Mr. Dickson's company was also asked to research the tennis courts, which the committee felt were also in need of repair.

In one of their final discussions, the storage of the crew boats was brought to the forefront. The committee discussed plans that would enhance the way in which the boats were stored and moved in and out of trailers.

Mr. Dickson was on hand to comment further and answer questions.

Referring to the track, Mr. Dickson said it has "hung in there incredibly well" considering its age. He attributes this to the material that was placed underneath the track. Though the track is beginning to fail, the failure is not catastrophic at this time. However, the rubberized surface should have a structural spray coat every seven years. The track has only had one spray coat at year 10. The material has degraded and the resiliency of the track has deteriorated to the point that it is somewhat problematic.

Concerning the athletic fields, Mr. Dickson noted that the district's athletic director could provide the backup support regarding field usage. Moving on, he explained the benefits of a synthetic turf field and the proposed lighting that would enhance the ability to utilize the field.

Utilizing graphics and a handout which was made available to those in attendance, Mr. Dickson provided an overview of the different options available.

Proposed lighting, home/visitor bleachers, expansion of the irrigation system and the septic/leaching fields were some of the topics discussed.

Concerns of the Board members encompassed hours of use, injury rates on artificial turf, maintenance requirements and fees, longevity, equipment and fees, athletic equity, and the timing of the project.

The tennis court renovation project was also discussed. Mr. Dickson compared the courts to a "paved parking lot" because of its material composition, bituminous asphalt. What was suggested for replacement is a post-tension concrete process which is relatively new, but has been successful around the state.

A motion was made by Ted Scheidel and seconded by Sue Baccaro to approve the January 2014 referendum not to exceed 3.4 million dollars; motion carried unanimously.

Brief Recess

\*Noel Turner departs at 9:05 p.m.

- B. Approval of "four" year contract with Administrative Assistants (CSEA/SEIU Local 2001) and the Region 10 Board of Education.

\*Superintendent Beitman noted that the contract is a four year contract as opposed to a three as noted on the agenda.

Ms. Laone, Director of Finance and Operations, provided a brief summary of the changes.

A motion was made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve the four year contract as presented; motion carried unanimously.

## VIII. Business

- A. Board of Education Policy  
Physical Education and Discipline of Students (First Review)  
Superintendent Beitman reviewed the policy with the Board Members and asked if they had any questions or concerns to contact him.

First Read

- B. Establishment of a Building Committee  
Superintendent Beitman anticipates the implementation of a Building Committee at their next B.O.E. meeting utilizing some of the Board's current members and drawing on the expertise of people in the

community who could assist the Building committee. He was laying the foundation, assuming the referendum was positively acted upon.

- C. Region 10 Board of Education Committee Assignments  
The Board meeting is scheduled for the night before elections. Superintendent Beitman anticipates that committee members will change once that occurs.

IX. Committee Reports:

- A. Facilities: P. Omichinski  
As discussed earlier

- B. Curriculum Council: R. Sikora  
The first Curriculum Council meeting was held last Wednesday. Much of the discussions encompassed Common Core Standards and how to communicate the information to the public suggesting that a regular presence on the Board agenda may be helpful.

- C. CREC: B. Duffy  
Capitol Region Education Council

Ms. Duffy learned that more tasks force were formed this year than ever before. What is being explored is a common regional school calendar. One of its major purposes is for transportation of students who attend magnet schools. The push behind it is felt to be regionalization of services. The next step would be a common bell schedule.

The general consensus was that this would enable the legislature to pass laws that dictate other initiatives to school districts.

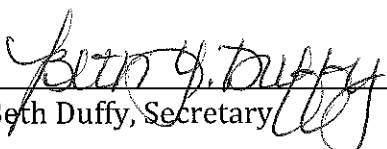
X. Next Meeting:

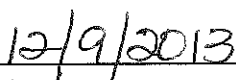
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

XI. Adjourn

On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Paul Omichinski to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 9:40 p.m.; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Beth Duffy, Secretary

  
Date