

MINUTES  
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET PRESENTATION MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2009  
LEWIS MILLS AUDITORIUM

Members Present: Joseph Arcuri, Cathy Bergstrom, Kathy Deprey, Jeanne Doerr, Beth Duffy, Paul Omichinski, Phil Penn, Raymond Sikora, Karen Sullivan

Absent: Elaine Schiavone

Also Present: Alan Beitman - Superintendent of Schools  
Michael Landry - Assistant Superintendent  
David Lenihan - Business Manager  
Stephen Sikora - Student Representative  
David Troiani - Student Representative

- I. Call to order – The regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting was held at The Learning Center, and was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman Paul Omichinski.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge was recited.
- III. Communications
  - A. Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Beitman announced one (1) resignation which he received from Mr. Tomas Hernandez-Rozas who has resigned his position as a 1.0 FTE Spanish teacher at Har-Bur Middle School. His resignation will be effective June 30, 2009.
  - B. Special Guests:
    1. Mary Thompson – Recipient of the “Outstanding Connecticut Secondary Art Educator of 2009” award from the Connecticut Arts Education Association – Mr. Beitman, on behalf of the students, parents, staff and Board of Education, congratulated and thanked Ms. Thompson for her years of commitment and dedication to Region 10.
    2. Special Guests invited by the Superintendent of Schools – Michio Agresta, who was the second place winner in the naming of the LSM mascot contest, and Spartacus, the LSM mascot, were presented to the Board of Education.
    3. Foundation Name and Logo – A. Beitman - Special guests – Mrs. Susan Sadecki, Mrs. Elizabeth Crumb-Spring, and Miss Justine Kysar (absent) – Mr. Beitman presented Mrs. Susan Sadecki who is the president and CEO of The Main Street Community Foundation. Regional School District #10 has partnered with The Main Street Community Foundation to establish a fund to support enrichment programs for our students. The Main Street Community Foundation is 501C3 foundation.  
Foundation Logo and Naming Contest winners – Liz Spring was thanked and presented with a gift for her contribution toward the

logo. Justine Kysar was unable to attend but was also thanked and will receive a gift for her contribution of graphic art to the logo.

4. Estimate of Expenses Update – Current-operating expenses – Mr. Beitman presented the Board and the Community with a spreadsheet (attached) that reflects all of the additions and reductions to date.

- C. Lewis S Mills Student Representative Report- Mr. Stephen Sikora reported that the winter sport season has drawn to a close. The girls' basketball team won the Berkshire League championship. The LSM swim team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Berkshire League. The "Dancing with the Teachers" fundraiser was a great success as well as a very fun event. Model U. N. is preparing for their trip to the United Nations in New York. Friday, March 13, 2009 the Yearbook Committee is organizing a "Glow in the Dark Dance". Proceeds will go toward offsetting the cost of the yearbook for students. Future Teachers of America (FTA) is preparing for their competition. The mock trial team went to Yale University and competed in a practice competition.

#### IV. Consent Agenda

- A. A **motion** to approve the following consent agenda with corrections (listed below) was made by Mr. Sikora and seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 12, 2009

Board of Education Meeting of January 19, 2009

Board of Education Meeting of January 26, 2009

Board of Education Budget presentation meeting of February 2, 2009

Board of Education Meeting of February 9, 2009

Financial report dated February 28, 2009 –

Corrections: January 19, 2009 minutes – Mr. Arcuri's name was misspelled

- B. Non-Renewal of teacher contracts for budgetary reasons – Mr. Beitman reported that the following employees were hired for one (1) year to cover staff leaves and for that reason he is recommending non-renewal of their contracts: Paul Bransfield, Kim Lewis and Marc Riccio.

#### V. Public Participation -

Mrs. Janet Burritt of Harwinton requested that half of the funds necessary to replace the roof at Harwinton Consolidated School be put aside this year for future repair. She expressed her concern in waiting too long before making the necessary repairs.

Mrs. Deb Allen of Burlington thanked Mr. Omichinski for responding to her request for reconsideration of the 2009-2010 calendar; however, she is disappointed that there will be no change. She also thanked Mrs. Bergstrom for attending a PTA meeting and asked her to clarify a comment she made that the Board of Education would be willing to look at the calendar again. Mrs. Bergstrom clarified by saying that it is a three-year rolling calendar and because each year it needs to be reviewed, it may also be revised at the same time.

Karen Sullivan expressed concern in changing it because schedules and events would have already been set according to the existing calendars.

Mrs. Jessie Smiley of Burlington asked if the Board would consider circulating a paper copy of the calendars because not everyone is aware that they are on the website. Mr. Beitman indicated that the schools would include a copy in their next mailing.

## VI. Action

- A. Lewis S. Mills Band trip to Orlando, FL, April 2010 – Mr. Beitman recommended approval of the Lewis Mills Band trip to Orlando, FL in April of 2010.

A **motion** to approve the Lewis Mills Band trip to Orlando, FL in April 2010 was made by Mr. Sikora and seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed.  
Motion carries (9/0/0)

- B. Appointment of a Sub-Committee of the Board of Education Policy Review Sub-Committee – Mr. Beitman requested that the Board of Education consider forming a sub-committee to review various Region 10 policies. There are twenty-one (21) policies that may require revisions. The sub-committee would review them and make their recommendations to the entire Board. Mr. Beitman would like the first reading to be scheduled in April and the second reading to be scheduled in May. Mrs. Deprey, Mrs. Duffy and Mr. Sikora volunteered to serve on the Board of Education Policy Sub Committee.

- C. Appointment of a Sub-Committee of the Board of Education to develop an Education Expulsion Procedure Information Sheet for parents/guardians – Mr. Beitman requested that the Board of Education consider forming a sub committee to develop an information packet that would help parents with the expulsion process. It would inform parents/students of their rights and what to expect. The Board's attorney would assist in the development of this document. Mr. Beitman would like this work to be done over the summer but in time for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Bergstrom, Mr. Arcuri, Ms. Sullivan and Mrs. Duffy volunteered to serve on the Board of Education Expulsion Information Sub Committee.

## VII. Business

- A. Lewis S. Mills/Spain Home Stay Exchange Program – Mr. Landry presented the home stay exchange program to the Board. He explained that Lewis Mills students would have an opportunity to live in a host family's home in Spain and thereby experience the culture and language of Spain firsthand. The Lewis Mills students would first host the Spain students in September 2009. The Spain students would stay in our students' homes for twenty (20) days. In February of 2010 the LSM students would travel to Spain for ten (10) days. This item will be on the agenda for action next month.
- B. Discussion of the Preventative Maintenance Position -  
A number of questions came up after the last Board meeting regarding the preventative maintenance position; therefore, Mr. Fortin was available to answer questions. Mrs. Bergstrom asked about the bidding process. Mr. Fortin explained that the company that provided the bid was familiar with all the equipment and, therefore, was able to provide a bid easily. If he were to put it out to other companies, it would involve a process of recording all the specifics for each piece of equipment and would be a very long process. She asked about the bid for labor and materials and Mr. Fortin explained how he arrived at the figure. Mrs.

Bergstrom also asked if we could realistically hire a person who is licensed in all the necessary areas. Mr. Fortin indicated that the majority of the work would involve HVAC and, therefore, he would look for someone licensed in HVAC. He also said he would look for someone who is well rounded and who has knowledge in all areas. Mr. Penn asked if there is enough work to support a full-time employee. Mr. Fortin assured him there would indeed be enough work. Mr. Fortin informed the Board that there would still be repair costs due to regulations.

- C. The Board of Education continued the review, by section, of the 2009-2010 Estimate of Expenses beginning with section H. Elementary Schools. - An administrator from each school presented their projected enrollment numbers for the 2009-2010 school year. A discussion was held regarding some of the projected elementary enrollment numbers. Mr. Beitman confirmed that there would be sufficient support for supplies and materials.

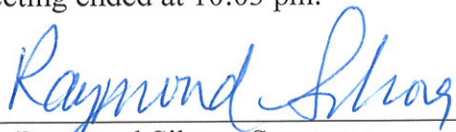
#### VIII. Board Committee Reports


- A. CREC – Mrs. Duffy reported that the executive director asked representatives if they would be willing to testify regarding Project Choice. Mr. Beitman reported that the state has determined that we can take on an additional 16 students. Mrs. Duffy invited all Board members to testify in front of the Education and Appropriations Committee.

A special Board of Education meeting to approve an estimate of expenses is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Learning Center.

- IX. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:30p.m. in The Learning Center.
- X. A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Bergstrom and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

Meeting ended at 10:03 pm.

  
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Mr. Raymond Sikora, Secretary

  
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