

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
AUGUST 24, 2009  
THE LEARNING CENTER**

**Board Members Present:**

Joseph Arcuri  
Catherine Bergstrom  
Kathy Deprey  
Beth Duffy, Vice Chair of the Board  
Jeanne Doerr  
Phillip Penn  
Raymond Sikora  
Elaine Schiavone  
Karen Sullivan

**Absent:**

Paul Omichinski, Chairman of the Board

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman            Superintendent of Schools  
Michael Landry        Assistant Superintendent  
David Lenihan         Business Manager  
Stephen Sikora         Student Representative (arrived at 8:22)

<p>Vice Chair, Mrs. Beth Duffy, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:36 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>
<p>A <b>motion</b> to approve the amended minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of June 8, 2009, and the Financial Report dated June 30, 2009 was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p><b><u>Staff Updates:</u></b> Mr. Beitman reported that Region 10 is now fully staffed except for the technology specialist position, for which interviewing began this week.</p> <p><b><u>Resignations and Leaves:</u></b> Leave requests were received from the following staff members: Mrs. Michele Gaffney requested a one-year leave of absence, Mrs. Shannon Miller requested a one-year leave of absence and Mr. Anthony Mitchell requested a six-month leave of absence. Mr. Beitman reported that he received <b>resignations</b> from the following staff members: Ms. Christen Hernandez, Mrs. Tracy Keilty, Mrs. Joy Marino, and Mrs. Maureen Curis, who was hired in June but due to her husband's job transfer was unable to even begin her position.</p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b></p>

A **motion** to add the leave requests as item C to the agenda was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

A **motion** to approve the leaves of absence was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Ms. Sullivan. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

**Facilities Updates:**

Mr. Beitman reported that the buildings are in excellent condition. He complimented Mr. Fortin and his department team for a job well done and thanked them for all their hard work over the summer months.

**District Preparedness Plan for Swine Flu (H1N1):**

Mr. Beitman presented and reviewed the district's preparedness plan. He explained that the plan has been reviewed with the Bristol and Torrington Health Departments. He stated that Region 10 had NO confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus last school year. He cautioned that the Center for Disease Control is anticipating that the H1N1 virus could be more widespread this year.

**Enrollment Update:**

Mr. Beitman presented the projected enrollment numbers from May 2009 and the actual enrollment numbers as of August 24, 2009.

Mr. Reid Matussek of Burlington requested that the Board consider allowing local business to purchase advertisements to be placed on the electronic sign to help raise funds for student programs.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Revision to All Star Transportation Contract:**

A **motion** to postpone this agenda item to the September 14, 2009 meeting was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

**Contract Extensions:**

Mr. Penn and other Board Members recognized Mr. Beitman, Mr. Landry and Mr. Lenihan and thanked them for a job well done and for taking a 0% salary increase for the 09-10 school year. He also recommended that all three contracts be extended through June 30, 2012.

A **motion** to approve the contract extensions for Mr. Beitman, Mr. Landry and Mr. Lenihan for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012 was made by Mrs. Bergstrom and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

**ACTION**

<p><b><u>New England Association of Schools &amp; Colleges (NEASC) update:</u></b>  Ms. Niehoff, Principal of Lewis Mills High School, presented the Board with the Lewis Mills NEASC summary that will be used for their NEASC accreditation review and she explained the process to Board Members. The summary included the Lewis Mills mission statement, revised course work rubrics, a self-study document, a summary of seven (7) standards, rating guides, a summary list of topics that were addressed. The NEASC Chair and Co-Chair visited Lewis Mills last month. The NEASC team will consist of sixteen (16) evaluators who will write a report to review the school's self-study document. The accreditation review will take place in October 4 through October 7, 2009.</p> <p><b><u>Superintendent's Goals for 2009-2010:</u></b>  Mr. Beitman presented his goals for the 2009-2010 school year. He explained that the underlined and asterisked items are "district goals". Mr. Beitman explained that once approved, he plans to share his goals with the staff, parents and students of Region 10.</p> <p><b><u>Establishment of timeline for Board of Education Goals:</u></b>  At the September 14, 2009 Board of Education meeting a timeline for the establishment of the new Board of Education Goals will be discussed. However, the plan for now is to start the process in September and to have the goals completed by the end of November 2009.</p>	<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p>
<p>There were NO committee reports.</p>	<p><b>BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS</b></p>
<p>A <b>motion</b> to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	<p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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Mr. Raymond Sikora, Board of Education Secretary

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