

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2009
THE LEARNING CENTER**

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri
Catherine Bergstrom
Kathy Deprey (arrived at 7:35 pm)
Beth Duffy - Vice Chairman
Jeanne Doerr
Paul Omichinski – Chairman
Phillip Penn
Raymond Sikora (arrived at 7:34 pm)
Karen Sullivan (arrived at 7:40 pm)

Absent:

Elaine Schiavone

Also Present:

Alan Beitman	Superintendent of Schools
Michael Landry	Assistant Superintendent
David Lenihan	Business Manager
Stephen Sikora	Student Representative
Jordon Brault	Student Representative

<p>Chairman of the Board, Paul Omichinski, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p><u>Enrollment Report for October 1, 2009:</u> Mr. Beitman presented the un-audited October 1, 2009 enrollment numbers to the Board. He explained that October 1 is the official date that the state uses when recording enrollment numbers. He presented a table showing a comparison of the enrollment numbers from 10/1/08 to 10/1/09 and explained the differences. Mr. Beitman indicated that he would present a report in the middle of November displaying the audited enrollment numbers.</p> <p><u>Lewis S. Mills Class of 2009 Graduation Report:</u> Mr. Beitman explained that this document is a statistical report of the following items and a comparison of the same information from past years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Percentage of graduates attending college * Post-Secondary plans for the class * Top ten schools applied to * Top eleven schools students will attend * Advanced Placement results * SAT results * DRG SAT comparison 	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>

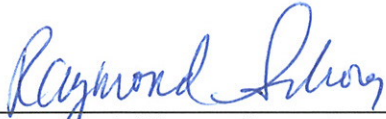
<p><u>Student Representative Reports:</u> Mr. Brault and Mr. Sikora reported that both the field hockey and the boy's soccer teams are currently undefeated. They reported that the foreign exchange students left for home on September 24th. Mr. Sikora reported that our students are very much looking forward to visiting them in Spain. Also, the marching band took first place in the North Adams competition on October 4th.</p>	
<p>A motion to approve the amended minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 14, 2009, the minutes for the Special Board of Education Meeting of September 21, 2009, the Financial Report dated September 30, 2009 and the resignation of Mr. Joseph Ambrose, Harwinton Consolidated School Psychologist, was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	CONSENT AGENDA
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTION
<p>There were no action items.</p>	
<p><u>Energy Education Review:</u> Mr. Beitman reintroduced Mr. Lonnie Palmer of Energy Education. He indicated that Mr. Fortin has check the references supplied by Energy Education and that Mr. Lenihan has asked the Board's attorney to review their contract. Mr. Palmer indicated that if action is taken at the November meeting an Energy Education representative will contact the school district the following day to begin working on hiring an energy education specialist. He estimated that the process of hiring a qualified individual would take approximately two (2) months. Mr. Palmer said that Energy Education would participate in the interview process. He indicated that it is important to look for an individual with strong communication skills who is capable of effectively communicating with staff and educating staff on ways to conserve energy. Mr. Palmer stated that Energy Education is looking for 100% positive references from all of their clients and, therefore, is willing to do whatever it takes to generate substantial energy savings for their clients. Mrs. Bergstrom asked about the development of the Energy Conservation Policy. Mr. Palmer indicated that they would supply Region 10 with a policy template. The Board discussed forming a small subcommittee to develop the policy. Mr. Beitman reported that due to ongoing concerns at Lewis Mills High School regarding the HVAC system, Mr. Fortin has arranged to have an outside, independent company come in to review all of the heating and cooling settings to be sure all of the systems are operating correctly before they do any baseline readings are taken. The next step would be to adopt a policy and to approve the contract. This item will be placed on the November agenda under action.</p>	BUSINESS
<p><u>CREC:</u> Mrs. Duffy presented a CREC report. She stated that the focus of the last meeting was on budgetary concerns.</p>	COMMITTEE REPORTS

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries (9/0/0)

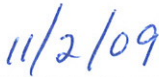
The meeting ended at 8:29 pm.

ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond Sikora, Secretary



Date