

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2009
LEWIS S. MILLS AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri
Catherine Bergstrom
Beth Duffy - Vice Chairman
Jeanne Doerr
Paul Omichinski – Chairman
Phillip Penn
Elaine Schiavone (departed at 7:45)
Raymond Sikora

Absent:

Karen Sullivan
Kathy Deprey

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>Invited Guests:</u> The elected officials of Burlington and Harwinton had been invited to share their thoughts as the Board begins to develop the 2010-2011 Estimate of Expenses for Regional School District #10. <u>Kathy Zabel, Town of Burlington First Selectman:</u> Mrs. Zabel thanked the Board for a successful fiscal year. She stated that she appreciated working together during such a difficult time. She commented that she is proud of the bond they have developed. <u>Art Johanson, Chairman, Burlington Board of Finance:</u> Mr. Johanson encouraged the Board of Education to come in with a 0% increase for the 2010-2011 Estimate of Expense. <u>Peter Thierry, Chairman, Harwinton Board of Finance:</u> Mr. Thierry commended the Board for doing a good job with the current year's Estimate of Expenses. He asked the Board to consider a 0% salary increase for all employees in the coming year. He encouraged the Board to do what they need to do to keep the numbers down. He commented that the Town of Harwinton will be working to achieve another 0% increase as they did for the current year's town budget. <u>Mr. Frank Chiaramonte, Town of Harwinton First Selectman:</u> Mr. Chiaramonte echoed what Mr. Thierry had said. He commented that he anticipates grant money to decrease this year. Therefore, he asked that the Board begin to plan now for that very real possibility.</p>	<p>INVITED GUESTS</p>

<p>The Board of Education recognized Mrs. Catherine Bergstrom for her four (4) years of service to Regional School District #10. Mr. Omichinski thanked Mrs. Bergstrom for her many valuable contributions to the Board and the district. Due to Ms. Sullivan's absence, the Board will recognize her at the regularly scheduled December 7th meeting.</p>	<p>RECOGNITION</p>
<p><u>Student Representative Reports:</u> Mr. Brault and Mr. Sikora reported that the homecoming dance was very well attended and very successful. Senior Halloween and the senior picnic will be held this week. They also reported that Model UN will be traveling to New York for a field trip this week.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Mr. Beitman discussed the high absenteeism that Region 10 experienced that led to a three (3) day closing. He reported that following discussions with district administrators, the Bristol/Burlington Health District, Torrington Area Health District and after considering numerous communications he received from parents, he made the decision to close for three (3) days. He reported that due to the growing trend in absenteeism and the disruption to the educational process, everyone felt the closing was necessary. He commented that as a result absenteeism went from a high of 28% to 9.3% as of today. Mr. Beitman reported that Bristol Hospital will be presenting a "Flu 101 for 2009" forum on Thursday, November 5th in the Lewis S. Mills Auditorium. Mr. Penn thanked Mr. Beitman for his swift action and for having a preparedness plan in place that he was able to institute quickly. Mr. Beitman reported on the Superintendent's Student Work of the Month. He stated that Mrs. McNaboe established a program through which student work is recognized for excellence. This monthly program will include the posting of the student works on the Region 10 website.</p>	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>
<p>A motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 5, 2009, the Special Board of Education Meeting (A) of October 6, 2009, the Special Board of Education Meeting (B) of October 6, 2009, the Special Board of Education Meeting of October 27, 2009, the Financial report dated October 31, 2009, and the appointment of Ms. Danielle Miller to the position of school psychologist for Harwinton Consolidated School was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p><u>Establishment of a Three-Year Rolling Calendar Committee:</u> Mr. Omichinski requested that a total of six (6) members serve on this committee. He indicated that the committee should consist of three (3) Board members and three (3) district administrators. He asked that members email him if they are able to serve on this committee.</p> <p>A motion to form a three-year rolling calendar committee was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p>	<p>ACTION</p>

<p><u>Energy Education Review:</u> Mr. Beitman reported that the Energy Education contract is still being reviewed by the Board's attorney and that Mr. Fortin has completed approximately 50% of the reference reviews. This item will appear on the December agenda provided the legal issues are resolved and the reference reviews result in a favorable return.</p>	<p>BUSINESS</p>
<p><u>Ad Hoc Committee on Equity in Extracurricular Activities:</u> Mr. Arcuri reported that the committee has compiled their thoughts and ideas and are finalizing a system and criteria that will meet everyone's needs. He indicated that the committee would come before the Board in January with a final report.</p> <p><u>CREC:</u> Mrs. Duffy presented a CREC report. She presented the Commissioner of Education's legislative agenda. She commented that the one item that caused her great concern is the mandating of school districts to accept project choice students. She encouraged members of the Board to send an email or letter to their legislators expressing their displeasure with this proposal.</p> <p><u>Curriculum Committee:</u> Mr. Sikora reported that the curriculum committee met with Mrs. Phyllis Jones, Wellness Coordinator. Mrs. Jones reviewed the changes that the wellness program has undergone. She indicated that their objective is to teach students how to incorporate healthier practices in their every-day lives. Mr. Sikora also commented that Mr. Brennan Glasgow presented the changes to the elementary math program. Mr. Glasgow reported that the objective of the math program is for all students to achieve computational fluency.</p> <p><u>Facility Committee Meeting:</u> Mr. Omichinski reported that the facility committee reviewed the five (5) year plan and discussed updating it. They also discussed the repair and refurbishment of the tennis courts, the Energy Education plan and the replacement of the Harwinton Consolidated roof. The committee's plan for the roof replacement is to hold off until the 2011-2012 school year and at that time take on a capital improvement plan. They anticipate reimbursements from the State to aid in the financing of the roof replacement.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Bergstrom and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries (7/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8:19 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Sikora, Secretary

Date