

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2009
LEWIS S. MILLS AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri – Chairman
Noel Carmody
Kathy Deprey
Jeanne Doerr
Beth Duffy
Paul Omichinski
Phillip Penn
Ted Scheidel
Elaine Schiavone
Raymond Sikora - Vice Chairman

Absent:

Also Present:

Alan Beitman Superintendent of Schools
Stephen Sikora Student Representative
Jordon Brault Student Representative

<p>Superintendent of Schools Alan Beitman called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:35 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p><u>Election of Officers 2009-2010 (one-year term):</u> A motion to nominate Mr. Arcuri as Chairman was made by Mr. Omichinski and seconded by Ms. Schiavone. No other nominations made. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (10/0/0) A motion to nominate Mr. Sikora as Vice Chairman was made by Mr. Omichinski and seconded by Mr. Penn. No other nominations made. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (10/0/0) A motion to nominate Mr. Penn as Treasurer was made by Mr. Sikora and seconded by Ms. Deprey. No other nominations made. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (10/0/0) A motion to nominate Mrs. Doerr as Secretary was made by Mr. Penn and seconded by Mr. Omichinski. No other nominations made. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (10/0/0)</p>	<p>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</p>
<p>The Board of Education welcomed two (2) new members, Ms. Noel Carmody and Mr. Ted Scheidel.</p>	<p>INTRODUCTIONS</p>
<p>The Board of Education recognized Ms. Karen Sullivan for her eight (8) years of service to Regional School District #10. Mrs. Duffy thanked Ms. Sullivan for her service and valuable contributions to the Board and to the students, staff, and parents of Region 10. Ms. Sullivan expressed her respect for the Board Members and her pleasure in working with such an esteemed group of representatives.</p>	<p>RECOGNITION</p>
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<p><u>Review of Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/09:</u> Mr. Michael VanDeventer and Mr. Robert Howard from CCR (Carlin, Charron, Rosen, LLP) presented the audit from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. They reported that it was a clean report in every respect and that they had no difficulties in completing the audit.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Mr. Beitman presented the <u>Strategic School Profile Report</u> for 2008-2009 and urged anyone with any questions to contact him and he would address their questions at the January 11, 2010 meeting. He added that members of the community could request a copy of the report by contacting his office.</p> <p><u>Lewis S. Mills 2010 Proposed Graduation Site:</u> Ms. Niehoff indicated that she has had one (1) meeting with The Warner Theater in Torrington. The Warner has cleared the week of June 21, 2010 – June 25, 2010 in order to hold graduation ceremonies for area high schools. Although, a firm date can not be set until after April 1, 2010 as per state law. Ms. Niehoff went on to explain that by holding the graduation ceremony at The Warner Theater last year, the district saved approximately \$4,000. She added that she received wonderful feedback after last year's ceremony. Mrs. Duffy asked if the current seniors are happy with the proposed site. Ms. Niehoff indicated that the feedback from the students has been positive.</p> <p><u>Student Representative Reports:</u> Mr. Sikora reported that the field hockey team came in second in the finals and that the football team played its first home game at Muzzy Field in Bristol. He reported that the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) hosted Mr. Mills and that it was a great success. Also, he reported that the Math Team had a competition in New Fairfield and they finished in third place. Mr. Brault reported that the holiday toy drive started last week and that it is going well and he also reported that the Drama Club presented "The Crucible" and had two (2) successful nights of performances.</p>	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>
<p>A motion to approve the amended minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 2, 2009, the Facilities Committee meeting of October 13, 2009, and the financial report dated November 30, 2009 as well as the child-rearing leave for Mrs. Stacey Begert, biology teacher at Lewis S. Mills High School, was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed, three (3) abstentions, Mrs. Carmody, Mr. Scheidel and Ms. Deprey. Motion carries. (7/0/3)</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p><u>Lewis S. Mills Varsity Girls Lacrosse Approval:</u> During a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Equity in Co-Curricular Activities it was discovered that approval of the junior varsity girl's lacrosse team was never brought before the Board. Mr. Tanner was invited to explain how this happened. Mr. Tanner will bring supporting documentation before the Board at the January 11, 2010 meeting documenting why the junior varsity and the varsity girl's lacrosse team should be approved. This item will be placed on the January agenda.</p>	<p>ACTION</p>

<p><u>Model UN Field Trip for the LSM Social Studies Club:</u> Mr. Joshua Krampitz presented a brief overview of the Model UN field trip which will take place from March 17, 2010 – March 20, 2010. Approximately twenty-three (23) students will be going on the trip and they will be representing the country of Turkey. Mr. Wyatt Simard, a 12th grader at Lewis S. Mills High School, presented a brief overview of the trip’s agenda. This item will be placed on the January 11, 2010 agenda for approval.</p> <p><u>Student Council Har-Bur Middle School Extended Field Trip to Washington D.C.:</u> Mrs. Gina West presented a brief overview of the Washington D.C. field trip which is to take place over the April 2010 break. Mrs. West indicated that there is greater interest and greater leadership in the program this year. She indicated that last year twenty-six (26) students went on the trip. This year approximately forty (40) students will be going on this trip. She reported that the chaperone/student ratio will be at least 1/10. The estimated cost per student is \$450. This is the same per student cost as last year. Students will again be offered fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost of the trip. This item will be placed on the January 11, 2010 agenda for approval.</p> <p><u>Har-Bur Middle School New Schedules:</u> Mr. Kenneth Smith presented a power point presentation of the proposed Har-Bur Middle School schedules. This initiative began about one (1) year ago. The overall goals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplify everything • Expand inclusion of 5th grade program into the Har-Bur Middle School setting • Increase the frequency of student/teacher contact time • Strengthen integration of the developmental needs of students • Enhance development of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) <p>The proposed schedule will be a seven (7) period day over six (6) days non-rotating. The anticipated overall benefits are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All grades follow a six-day rotation • Unified Arts is incorporated into all grades (5-8) • More consistent “learning blocks” during the day • Increased opportunities to implement Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI) • Common lunches by grade • Increase of opportunities for all staff to participate in Professional Learning Communities and grade-level meetings. 	<p>BUSINESS</p>
<p><u>Curriculum Committee:</u> Mr. Sikora reported that the curriculum committee held a meeting on November 18, 2009 at which Mrs. Alyce Barlowski, Math Coordinator, reviewed the grade 6-12 math program. She also presented the idea of introducing a computer programming class at Lewis S. Mills High School.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>

<p><u>BOE Goal Committee:</u> Mrs. Beth Duffy reported that the committee had their first meeting and decided to change the committee's name to "The Alternative Learning Committee". At the meeting, they worked to identify the type of student they are focusing on. The committee determined that they are focusing on the "unengaged student or students that don't quite fit the mold". They are students who struggle but are not special education students. The committee decided they should invite staff members to join them at their next meeting so they can contribute.</p>	
<p>A motion to enter into executive session and to invite Mr. Beitman into the executive session was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Arcuri at 9:24 pm. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries (10/0/0)</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>
<p>A motion to return to public session was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Sikora at 9:50 pm. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries (10/0/0)</p>	<p>RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION</p>
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries (10/0/0)</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>
<p>The meeting ended at 9:50 pm.</p>	

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2010 at 7:30pm in The Learning Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Doerr, Secretary

Date 1/11/10