

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2010  
LEWIS S. MILLS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Phillip Penn

**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, Joseph Arcuri, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
<p><b><u>Har-Bur Lego Robotics Team:</u></b> Mrs. Liz Cornish of Burlington introduced the Har-Bur Lego Robotics team which is made up of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The team placed second in the state for the research portion of the competition. The team presented their research section of the project through a power point presentation combined with a skit. They followed it up with a demonstration of their Lego model.</p>	<b>SPECIAL GUESTS</b>
<p><b><u>Superintendent's Report:</u></b> <b><u>Acceptance of Gift:</u></b> Mr. Beitman publicly accepted a gift from the Benjamin family. The gift is a book entitled "The Legend of the Barkhamsted Light House" and was written by Lewis Sprague Mills. Mr. Beitman presented the book to Ms. Dyrinda Cole, Vice President of the Burlington Historical Society and Ms. Karissa Niehoff, Principal, Lewis S. Mills High School. The school and the historical society will share the gift and it will be displayed at various times in both locations. <b><u>Presentation of the 2010-2011 Estimate of Expenses:</u></b> Mr. Beitman presented a detailed narrative and power point presentation of the 2010-2011 Estimate of Expenses. The estimate represents a 1.39% increase over last year. The estimate is in the amount of \$33,793,209. This is an increase of \$463,275 over the 2009-2010 estimate.</p>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>

**Non-renewal of Non-tenured Certified Staff:**

Mr. Beitman explained that he would be issuing non-renewal letters to some non-tenured certified staff. He explained that this is procedural and it will allow for any changes that may need to be made to the Estimate of Expenses. He explained that typically non-renewal letters are issued to teachers who have been in a district for one (1) to two (2) years. He went on to explain that once the referendum passes he will go through the process of rehiring the teachers, if the budget allows.

**Student Representative Reports:**

Mr. Stephen Sikora reported that Lewis Mills students completed their mid-term exams. He reported that the Holiday Ball was held for upperclassmen and that it was well attended. He stated that the Social Studies Club went to the University of Hartford in preparation for their Model U.N. trip to New York City. Mr. Jordon Brault indicated that most spring athletic teams are beginning their conditioning and that the Lewis Mills Talent Show will be held next week.

A **motion** to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 11, 2010, the minutes for the Alternative Education Sub-Committee meeting of December 7, 2009, the financial report dated January 31, 2010, and to accept the retirement of Mrs. Christine Cleveland and Mrs. Kathleen Godin was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

Ms. Theresa Foley of Harwinton said that her son very much enjoys the Chinese program and would like to see it continue. Mr. Beitman stated that he is exploring different grant options to continue the program.

Mr. Dean Cowger of Burlington thanked Mr. Beitman for his hard work in putting together the estimate of expenses. He stated that he represents the Football Booster Club. He presented a brief overview of the football program and highlighted the reasons why the Board should support and approve the proposal they are making to Region 10 to use a field on the Lewis Mills/Har-Bur campus to hold practices.

Ms. Jessie Smiley of Burlington thanked Mr. Beitman and the Board of Education for putting together a fiscally responsible estimate of expenses. She stated that as a parent she felt that parents understand all the factors that play into developing a budget. She commented that more importantly she felt that parents understand the importance of the quality education that our children have access to in Region 10 and they appreciate the preservation of programs. She urged the Board to NOT make any additional cuts to the budget, and if possible, she asked that the Board add back any possible programs or positions.

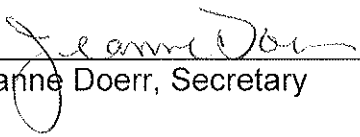
Mr. Jonathan Glastris of Burlington stated that based on the information he has, he felt the salaries for administration and custodians are excessive. His concern is that Region 10 is spending a great deal of money on administration and custodians and he would like to see the monies shifted to teachers. He felt for every dollar spent there represents a tax on the children's education. He thought that 18-22 students in a class is excessive and would like to see class size

**CONCENT AGENDA**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

<p>reduced. As a result of his private school education, he was in classes of 7-8 students and he felt the difference was phenomenal. He requested more salary details. Mr. Beitman indicated that the complete Estimate of Expenses book would be available at the March 1 meeting which will contain details of all expenses.</p>	
<p><b><u>Approval of a One-Year Salary Freeze and Contract Extension Between Regional School District 10 and the Region 10 Secretaries' Union:</u></b>  Mr. Beitman read a letter that he received from the president of the secretaries' union, Ms. Barkley, indicating the secretaries are willing to accept a 0% wage increase in the 2010-2011 school year and asked the Board to extend the current contract by one year.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to accept the 0% freeze and one-year extension was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p>
<p><b><u>Calendar Committee's Presentation of the 2012-2013 School Year Calendar:</u></b>  Mr. Bogen presented the 2012-2013 calendar and said that the committee is looking for input on the calendar. He reported that there would be an on-line survey available. He summarized the calendar and highlighted significant dates. Mr. Bogen publicly thanked the members of the Calendar Committee.</p>	<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p>
<p><b><u>Board of Education Goals Committee:</u></b>  Mr. Sikora presented a proposal for an annual review of all Board committees. He also proposed a biannual review of the by-laws of the Board of Education.</p> <p><b><u>Board of Education Adhoc Committee on Co-Curricular Activities:</u></b>  Mr. Arcuri presented the committee's objectives list. He explained that the committee has developed three main objectives: parity in funding, increased transparency, and stability of funding.</p> <p><b><u>CREC:</u></b>  Mrs. Duffy reported that the legislators are about to go into session. The hot topics continue to be unfunded mandates and project choice.</p> <p><b><u>Alternative Learning Community:</u></b>  Mrs. Duffy reported that the committee met and they have invited a few key staff members to serve on the committee. They felt that these staff members are valuable participants because they have direct contact with the very students that the committee is focusing on.</p>	<p><b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b></p>
<p>A <b>motion</b> to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9:30 pm.</p>	<p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeanne Doerr, Secretary

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