

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
MAY 10, 2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THE LEARNING CENTER**

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Jeanne Doerr

Also Present:

Alan Beitman Superintendent of Schools
Michael Landry Assistant Superintendent
David Lenihan Business Manager

Chairman of the Board, Joseph Arcuri, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	CALL TO ORDER
<p><u>Recognition of the Students and Staff Who Went on Bermuda Field Trip:</u> Ms. Jennifer Skelly, Mrs. Casey Fortin, Ms. Kristin Ingvertsen, Har-Bur Middle School Science teachers, and the students, who went on the Bermuda field trip, presented a power point highlighting their trip and the lessons that they learned about marine biology.</p>	RECOGNITION
<p><u>Race to the Top Grant:</u> Associate Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker from the State Department of Education presented an outline and summary of the Federal "Race to the Top Grant" requirements and an overview of RTT Phase II. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period.</p>	RACE TO THE TOP
<p><u>Student Representative Report:</u> Mr. Jordon Brault reported that last week the drama club put on their production of "Once Upon a Mattress". He also reported that there was a concert to raise funds for Project Graduation and this coming weekend a film festival (films produced by LSM students) is scheduled.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Mr. Beitman commented on the successful passing of the 2010-2011 Estimate of Expenses and he thanked the many supporters. He went on to report that the Governor's office has not responded to his letter regarding the elimination of the SRO program.</p> <p><u>Region 10 Credit Profile:</u> Mr. Lenihan shared the Region 10 credit profile report. He was pleased to report that this year's rating was upgraded.</p>	COMMUNICATIONS

<p>A motion to approve the minutes from the following meetings and to accept the following resignation was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries (8/0/0)</p> <p>Meeting Minutes: Regular Board of Education meeting of April 19, 2010 Alternative Learning Committee meeting of March 29, 2010 Alternative Learning Committee meeting of April 7, 2010 Facilities Committee meeting of April 26, 2010 Approval of the financial report dated April 30,2010</p> <p>Resignation: Mrs. Shannon Miller grade 4 teacher, Lake Garda School</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>Mr. Art Symonds spoke as an individual and not as the teacher's Board representative. He asked why the subcommittee rejected the early retirement proposal that was presented by the teachers union. He expressed his thought that it would offer a savings to the district. Mr. Beitman indicated that this was one of the better plans he has seen because it addressed the second and third year. He commented that as you get into the second and third year following an early retirement plan, it typically does not yield any savings. He said that to call it an early retirement plan is erroneous because it is a plan for individuals who can already retire.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p><u>Naviance Software Purchase:</u> Mrs. Lazaroski reported that she was able to reallocate \$800 from the printing budget to allow for the purchase of the Naviance Software and she recommended that the Board approve the purchase.</p> <p>A motion to approve the purchase of the Naviance Software was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p><u>Board of Education Policy 3513.2 – Use of Athletic Playing Fields:</u> A motion to approve Board policy 3513.2 – Use of Athletic Playing Fields was made by Ms. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p><u>Appointment of Auditor:</u> Mr. Lenihan requested that Region 10 Board of Education appoint Carlin, Charron & Rosen, LLP to conduct an audit for the FY2009-2010. This firm has been providing audit services to Region 10 for the past twelve (12) years.</p> <p>A motion to appoint Carlin, Charron & Rosen, LLP to conduct an audit for the FY 2009-2010 was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p><u>Race to the Top:</u> After consideration and discussion earlier in the meeting regarding the federal "Race to the Top Grant"....</p>	<p>ACTION</p>

A **motion** to not participate in the State Department of Education's "Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding" was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

Return of Surplus for Fiscal Year Ended 2008-2009:

Mr. Lenihan recommended the surplus for fiscal year ended 2008-2009 of \$17,827 (Burlington \$11,803, Harwinton \$6,024) be returned to the towns.

Mr. Penn presented the idea of not refunding the money to the towns and instead allocating the funds to the HCS roof replacement. After some discussion the following motion was made:

A **motion** to direct the Superintendent of Schools to provide a refund of the fiscal year 2008-2009 operating surplus of \$11,803 and \$6,024 to the towns of Burlington and Harwinton, respectively. Such refunds will be reflected as credits against the June 7, 2010 payments due Region 10 from the towns was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

Ad-Hoc Committee on Co-Curricular Activities:

Mr. Arcuri presented a power point outlining the recommendations of the committee to maintain parity among co-curricular activities. Mr. Arcuri indicated that the committee will be working on a policy to support their recommendations and will be bringing it to the Board.

Lewis S. Mills High School Athletics Report:

Mr. Beitman explained that Mrs. June Bernabucci, retired Hartford Athletics Director, was hired to review the Lewis S. Mills athletics program. Mrs. Bernabucci's report lists the strengths and it also outlines recommendations for improvement.

Review of New and Existing Policies:

The Board will review the following policies before the June 7, 2010 meeting and will make recommendations at the June 7, 2010 regularly scheduled meeting:

NEW:

- 3518 Green Cleaning
- 5125.2 Protection of Student Privacy Policy
- 3514 Energy Education Policy
- 3514A Energy Education Regulation
- 1325 Distribution of Materials

EXISTING:

- 6114 Fire and Crisis Response
- 3519 Automatic External Defibrillator
- 5141.21 Administration of Medication
- 4118.16A Family and Medical Leaves
- 5114 Student Discipline
- 5114.2 Search and Seizure
- 5125 Educational Records Policy
- 5125A Education Records Regulation
- 3280 Gifts, Donation

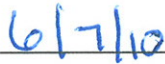
BUSINESS

<p><u>Facilities Committee:</u> Mr. Omichinski reported that the Facilities Committee formed an action plan and that they are in contact with architects to put together an estimate and a plan. The committee hopes to have the estimate and plan ready for the next referendum.</p> <p><u>Alternative Learning Committee Report:</u> Mrs. Duffy reported the committee formed two sub-committees, one to develop a survey and the other to pilot a program.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0) The meeting ended at 10:39pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Respectfully submitted,



 Jeanne Doerr, Secretary



 Date