

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
AUGUST 23, 2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THE LEARNING CENTER**

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Raymond Sikora - Vice Chairman

Also Present:

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

<p>Chairman of the Board, Joseph Arcuri, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:33 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Staffing Update: Mr. Beitman reported that all open teaching positions had been filled and that he is very pleased with the caliber of the newly hired staff. In total, fourteen (14) new teachers were hired. Enrollment Update: Mr. Beitman reviewed the enrollment numbers for the opening of the 2010-2011 school year. His report indicated that the opening numbers were not much different from the numbers at the start of the 2009-2010 school year. Magazine Article: Mr. Beitman reported that "Hartford Magazine" had done an article on CMT and CAPT results for Connecticut Schools which indicated that Region 10 went from a ranking of 8 to 22. Mr. Sidney had noticed the magazine's error and contacted Mr. Beitman. Mr. Beitman contacted "Hartford Magazine" and they are planning to print a correction in their October issue. Region 10 actually ranked in 7th place. <u>Student Representative Report:</u> Mr. Brault reported that fall sports have started their season. Lewis Mills Band camp was held during the week of August 16. He also reported that Link Crew training began on August 23 and that they will be conducting Freshmen orientation on August 27th.</p>	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>

<p>A motion to approve the amended minutes for the July 19 Regular Board of Education Meeting, the minutes for the July 12 Special Meeting, and the financial report dated June 30, 2010, was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. Seven (7) in favor one (1) abstained (Omichinski) only from approval of the July 12 meeting minutes due to absence, None (0) opposed. Motion carries. (7/1/0) and (8/0/0)</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>Jayne Stocker of Burlington asked the Board to consider rescheduling the first day of school for the 2011-2012 school year from Monday, August 29 to Tuesday, August 30 so that students may begin the school year with a four (4) day week.</p> <p>Jessie Smiley of Burlington expressed support for Mrs. Stocker's request to reschedule the first day of school for the 2011-2012 school year.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p><u>Revised Wellness Policy #5414.5:</u> Mr. Beitman recommended approval of the Wellness Policy which was updated according to the Board's attorney's instructions. A motion to approve the Wellness Policy #5414.5 was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Ms. Carmody. All in favor none opposed. (8/0/0)</p> <p><u>Revised Parent-Teacher Communication Policy #5124:</u> Mr. Beitman recommended approval of the revised Parent-Teacher Communication Policy. He explained that a new state law drove the revisions. In addition, the Board's attorney reviewed the policy. A motion to approve the revised parent-teacher communication policy #5124 was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Ms. Carmody. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p><u>Newly Developed Food Service Operations Policy #3543:</u> Mr. Lenihan recommended approval of the Food Service Operations Policy #3543. He stated that this policy "officially" states that Region 10's Food Service Department is self-supporting. A motion to approve the newly developed Food Service Operations Policy #3543 as edited by Mr. Lenihan was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p><u>Teacher Evaluation Plan for Regional School District #10:</u> Mr. Beitman reported that the teacher evaluation plan (TEVAL) had been field tested during the 2009-2010 school year with a few senior staff members. Mr. Landry stated that it is a fair and workable plan. A motion to approve the new Teacher Evaluation Plan was made by Ms. Carmody and was seconded by Ms. Deprey. Discussion: Mr. Omichinski stated that he was reluctant to approve the new TEVAL plan because it did not contain a section regarding consideration of parent/student feedback and the Board had expressed interest in having this piece included in the document. Mr. Landry</p>	<p>ACTION</p>

stated that evaluations are an administrative responsibility and that they take into consideration the parent and student's feedback when writing the evaluation. Mr. Omichinski thought that by not including this element that the district is eliminating a key piece of information. Mr. Penn also expressed an interest in including the consideration of parent/student feedback in the evaluation process. They felt that the TEVAL document should state that the evaluator would take into consideration feedback from parents and/or students when completing the evaluation. Mr. Scheidel expressed an interest in exercising caution if feedback is taken into consideration and he recommended that the feedback be consistent and from more than one source. Mr. Beitman indicated that it is very important to begin the school year with a working document and that the TEVAL plan can be brought back to the Board for revision in the coming months.

A **revised motion** to approve the Teacher Evaluation Plan as a living document that will be reviewed no later than February 2011 was made by Ms. Carmody and was seconded by Ms. Deprey. Five (5) in favor three (3) opposed (Scheidel, Omichinski, Penn). Motion carries. (5/3/0)

Region 10 Board of Education Policies as Currently Adopted:

Mr. Beitman indicated that this is simply a formality that needs to be conducted annually.

A **motion** to approve the Region 10 Board of Education Policies as currently adopted was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Deprey. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

Approval of Region 10 Board of Education Committees:

A **motion** to approve the Region 10 Board of Education Committees was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

Acceptance of the Building Project:

A **motion** to approve the Lewis S. Mills/Har-Bur Complex Renovation/Additions Project (State #'s 210-0036 and 210-0038) as completed and to accept this project for public school purposes was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

A **motion** to disband the Building Committee was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

Discussion of the Educational Plans for the Har-Bur Middle School Bermuda Field Trip:

Ms. Jennifer Skelly, Har-Bur Middle School Grade 8 Science Teacher, presented an overview of the curriculum for the Bermuda Field Trip.

Superintendent's Goals for 2010-2011:

Mr. Beitman presented a draft version of his goals for the 2010-2011 school year. He delivered a brief overview of his goals. He asked that

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<p>thoughts and input be forwarded to him.</p> <p><u>Board of Education's Goals:</u> Mr. Arcuri recommended formalization of the Board of Education's goals for the next three years. Mr. Beitman will send out sample dates for a retreat to be held on an upcoming Saturday so the Board can finalize their goals for 2010-2013.</p>	
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9:23pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Doerr, Secretary

Date