

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 8, 2010  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
THE LEARNING CENTER**

**Board Members Present:**

Joseph Arcuri – Chairman  
 Jeanne Doerr  
 Kathy Deprey  
 Beth Duffy  
 Paul Omichinski  
 Phil Penn  
 Ted Scheidel  
 Ray Sikora, Vice Chairman  
 Noel Turner

**Absent:**

Elaine Schiavone

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman	Superintendent of Schools
Michael Landry	Assistant Superintendent
David Lenihan	Business Manager
Jordon Brault	Student Representative
Rebecca Spitz	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>Mr. Beitman introduced <b><u>Girl Scout Troop 40461</u></b> who presented a brief overview of their Energy Eaters Program. The program is aimed at lowering the energy costs for Region 10. Mr. Beitman addressed the troop with regard to his concerns in granting them building access in the evening. He suggested that the group meet with Mr. David Crompton, Region 10's energy specialist, on a regular basis and that they work together. An appointment will be scheduled between key employees, scout leaders, and the girl scouts to develop a plan for moving forward.</p> <p><b><u>Harwinton/Burlington Elected Town Officials:</u></b>      Mr. Beitman explained that each year the Board of Education invites elected officials from the Towns of Harwinton and Burlington and members of the community to share their concerns and thoughts with regard to the development of the upcoming year's estimate of expenses. He presented the budgetary challenges facing Region 10 for the 2011-2012 budget.      Mrs. Cathy Bergstrom, Town of Burlington First Selectman – Reported that all three (3) town employee units took a 0% salary increase for this year and that town officials are looking for more efficiencies this year.</p>	<b>INVITED GUESTS</b>

She would like to maintain an open dialogue. Mrs. Bergstrom reminded the Board that 75% of the Town of Burlington's budget goes toward education.

Mr. Frank Chiaramonte, Town of Harwinton First Selectman – Reported flat growth in this year's grand list. He is very concerned about things at the State level. They are seeing more foreclosures in Harwinton and he is working to keep the mill rate the same this year.

Mr. Art Johanson, Town of Burlington Board of Finance – Asked that Region 10 be creative and responsible in their financial planning because the economic climate is still not good. He asked that any increase be kept low.

Mr. Peter Thiery, Town of Harwinton Board of Finance – Commented that this will be a tough budget year again and that this year will be even worse than last year. He asked the Board to plan conservatively.

Gerry Mullen, Town of Burlington Board of Finance – Commented that the economy is still not good. He asked that Region 10 make due with what they have.

Tim Bergstrom – Burlington Resident – Commented that he senses strong support for the schools. He asked that Region 10 work to retain the same high quality of Education.

Bruce Guillemette – Burlington Resident – He requested that the Board be creative but that they keep the school system strong.

Chris Butwill – Burlington Resident – Urge members of the public to get involved in the budget process and he urged the Board of Education to listen to the needs of the public.

**Brief Recess**

**Student Representative Report:**

Miss Rebecca Spitz reported that on November 4<sup>th</sup> Lewis S. Mills High School hosted the 2010 CIAC Leadership Conference. There were many students from surrounding school districts that attended. She reported that the guest speaker talked about leadership skills. She said that he was an outstanding presenter. Rebecca further reported that the Humanitarian Club would be conducting a winter clothing drive, the National Honor Society food drive was very successful, and that the Veteran's Day celebration would be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Jordon Brault reported the scores from the numerous homecoming-sporting events. He indicated that on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> the Lewis S. Mills Drama Club would be presenting "The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland". He shared that the previous weekend Applebee's Restaurant in Torrington hosted a pancake breakfast to benefit Project Graduation. There were 115 attendees and Applebee's donated \$4 out of every \$5 collected to Project Graduation.

**Superintendent's Report:**

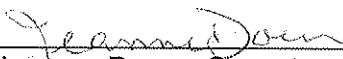
Mr. Beitman reported that Region 10 is now stepping up their work with regard to the development of 2011-2012 Estimate of Expenses. He said that all staff is looking for creative ideas and exploring all possibilities before putting together the final proposal. He said that this

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<p>is going to be a very difficult year. He commented that the State has long put off addressing serious concerns like educational cost sharing, excess cost and agency placement grants, transportation grant cuts and health care costs. He said that all costing saving ideas are welcome. Members of the Board shared the feeling that they will need to listen to the community and that there will be valid arguments on both sides. Mr. Scheidel asked the Board to stand by the difficult decisions that they made and to not put things back into the budget once they have been cut from the budget. By doing so the Board will preserve their credibility. Mr. Omichinski suggested having a target to work toward based on the comfort level of the public.</p>	
<p>A <b>motion</b> to approve the minutes from the Regularly Scheduled October 18, 2010 Board of Education Meeting, the Special Board of Education Meeting of October 18, 2010, and the Financial Report dated October 31, 2010 and to accept the following appointments and retirement was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Duffy:  Appointment – Jill Vannini – Math Tutor at Harwinton Consolidated  Appointment - Stephanie Bufano – Math Tutor – Lake Garda School  Chelsea Cragin – Grade 2 Teacher – Lake Garda School  Retirement – David Keepin – Lewis S. Mills High School  Seven (7) in favor, none (0) opposed, one (1) abstained due to absence. Motion carries (7/0/1)</p>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p>The public participated earlier in the meeting.</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p>
<p><b><u>2011- 2012 School Year Calendar Possible Revision:</u></b>  Chairman Arcuri asked if there was a motion to change the calendar. No motion was made. The 2011-2012 stays as approved.  <b><u>2013-2014 School Year Calendar Survey:</u></b>  A motion to move forward with conducting a survey prior to the development of the 2013-2014 school year calendar was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Penn. Seven (7) in favor, one (1) opposed. Motion carries. (7/1/0)  <b><u>Policy #3513 – Use of Facilities:</u></b>  A motion to approve Policy #3513 – Use of Facilities was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mrs. Turner. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)  <b><u>Approval of the ATA Section of the READ 10 Contract:</u></b>  A motion to approve the ATA section of the READ 10 contract was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mr. Penn.</p> <p>Mr. Beitman summarized the changes to the ATA section of the contract and explained that during the regular negotiation process it was agreed that this section of the contract would be negotiated at a later date. Mr. Omichinski commented that in the past he had requested details on how the ATA stipends are determined. He commented that he still does not see any details and he feels that a few of the stipends are excessive.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p>

<p>Seven (7) in favor one (1) opposed. Motion carries. (7/1/0)</p>	
<p><b><u>Board of Education Three-Year Goals:</u></b>  Chairman Arcuri presented the newly developed Region 10 Board of Education's Three-Year Goals. This item will be on the December 13<sup>th</sup> agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Overnight Fieldtrip Model U.N. Field Trip:</u></b>  Mr. Bruce Burnett presented an overview of the Model U. N. fieldtrip. He stated that the club is very excited about receiving their first choice country and that it is the first time that they received their first choice. The Board discussed previous funding.  A <b>motion</b> to move the Model U.N. fieldtrip to the action item section of this agenda was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed.  A <b>motion</b> to approve the Model U.N. fieldtrip with \$300 in funding to be put toward transportation costs was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p>	<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p>
<p>A <b>motion</b> to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Doerr. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9:46 pm.</p>	<p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeanne Doerr, Secretary

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Date