

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
DECEMBER 13, 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  
 Elaine Schiavone  
 Ray Sikora, Vice Chairman  
 Noel Turner

**APPROVED**

**Absent:**

**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 7:35 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>
<p><b><u>Election of Officers:</u></b>          A <b>motion</b> to nominate Mr. Arcuri as Chairman of the Region 10 Board of Education was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. No other nominations were made. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)          A <b>motion</b> to nominate Mr. Sikora as Vice Chairman of the Region 10 Board of Education was made by Mrs. Doerr and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. No other nominations were made. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)          A <b>motion</b> to nominate Mr. Penn as Treasurer of the Region 10 Board of Education was made by Mrs. Doerr and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. No other nominations were made. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)          A <b>motion</b> to nominate Mrs. Doerr as Secretary of the Region 10 Board of Education was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. No other nominations were made. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	<p><b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b></p>
<p><b><u>Student Representative Report:</u></b>          Miss Rebecca Spitz reported that the Lewis S. Mills band and chorus concert was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> and it was very successful. She</p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b></p>

reported that there would be a Project Graduation fundraiser at Harwinton Pizza on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Harwinton Pizza will donate 20% of all pizzas sold between 5pm and 8pm to Project Graduation. She indicated that the Lewis S. Mills Student Council is conducting a "Toys for Tots" toy drive and that the United Way Youth Board is running Penny Wars. The proceeds from Penny Wars will benefit St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter in Bristol. Mr. Jordon Brault reported that winter sports have begun and that Jam Fest is scheduled for January 7, 2011.

**Superintendent's Report:**

**2011-2012 Estimate of Expenses:**

Mr. Beitman reported that he attended a meeting with State Department officials and some State legislatures. He said that the Governor is considering flat funding ECS for a second year. That would mean that the 14% reduction would not take place in the 2011-2012 budget. This is very good news for Region 10 because that represents close to 3% that Region 10 needs to make up just to stay flat. The discussions went on to say that in the 2012-2013 school year they expect that the ECS money will not be made up. He said that Mr. Lenihan and he have received preliminary information on transportation funding which is down 66% from last year which represents funds that Region 10 needs to make up. He said that he and Mr. Arcuri attended a workshop with the Commissioner of Education, other Board of Education Chairs, and other Superintendents to talk about the Sheff settlement. He indicated that Region 10 received approximately \$42,000 in unexpected bills for magnet pre-schools. He said that he wrote a letter to the Commissioner asking for the proof in the legislation that we are required to pay for magnet pre-schools.

Mr. Beitman presented the Board members with an updated policy disc and reported that all the policies have been updated on the Region 10 website. He then shared a letter received by Region 10 from the State of Connecticut's Bureau Chief of Teaching and Learning commending Region 10 for their positive results with the ELL (English Language Learners) Program in the 2009-2010 school year.

A **motion** to approve the minutes from the Regularly Scheduled November 8, 2010 meeting, the Special Meeting A of December 2, 2010, the Special Meeting B of December 2, 2010, the financial Report dated November 2010, and the appointment of Lucio DeMarco was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor 1 abstained due to absence. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

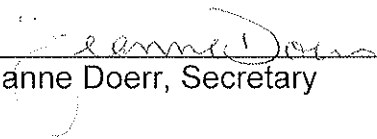
There was no public participation:

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

<p><b><u>Approval of Regional School District #10's Board of Education Three Year Goals:</u></b>  The Region 10 Board of Education's Three Year Goals were presented. A <b>motion</b> to approve the Region 10 Board of Education's Three Year Goals was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p><b><u>Approval of Regional School District #10's 2013-14 Calendar Survey:</u></b>  This item was moved to follow the business section of this agenda in order to provide time to make additional copies of the sample survey.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p>
<p><b><u>Har-Bur Middle School Student Government Fieldtrip to Washington D.C:</u></b>  Mr. Beitman gave a brief summary of the last Har-Bur trip to Washington D.C. Mr. Smith introduced Mr. David Sawicki and Mrs. Katherine Agostine who presented a detailed itinerary for the field trip and answered questions posed by the Board members. The trip will take place on May 16, 17 &amp; 18, 2011. The cost for the three-day/two night trip is \$800 - \$850 depending on the number of participants. There is a minimum requirement of 30 participants. They indicated that fundraising opportunities would be made available but that they needed to firm up those options. The student/chaperone ratio was discussed.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to move this item to the action section of this agenda was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mrs. Turner.</p> <p>Discussion: Mr. Omichinski expressed concerns over the cost of the trip and stated that he would like to see specific details on the fundraising opportunities that will be made available before approving the trip. Mr. Scheidel expressed the same concerns. Mrs. Duffy indicated that she would like to see a plan for individual fundraising opportunities so that a student would have an opportunity to lower their individual cost of the trip through fundraising.</p> <p>4 in favor, 5 opposed. Motion failed.</p> <p>Mrs. Duffy commented that she felt that all of the Board members think this is a great trip but that they would just like to see the fundraising piece firmed up.</p> <p>This item will be placed on the January 10, 2011 agenda under action.</p> <p><b>The Board Returned to the action item: Approval of the 2013-2014 calendar survey.</b></p>	<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p>
<p><b><u>Approval of Regional School District #10's 2013-14 Calendar Survey:</u></b>  Mr. Beitman presented an overview of the survey and indicated how it</p>	<p><b>RETURN TO ACTION ITEM</b></p>

<p>would be implemented. He indicated that it would be sent out via school messenger and that hard copies would be mailed to individuals who do not have email available to them. He stated that the aim is to get it out in early January.</p> <p>The Board discussed the survey in great detail. Modifications and recommendations were made. The following two (2) questions were recommended to be included in the survey:</p> <p>Question 1: I prefer school to start after Labor Day (September 2).</p> <p>Question 2: When beginning before Labor Day, I prefer to start the school year with a week of four (4) or fewer days.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve the survey given the modifications of the two questions above was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mr. Scheidel. Six (6) in favor three (3) opposed. Motion carries. (6/0/3)</p>	
<p>A <b>motion</b> to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8:50 pm.</p>	<p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Jeanne Doerr, Secretary

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