

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2011
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

Absent:

Also Present:

Alan Beitman Superintendent of Schools
Michael Landry Assistant Superintendent
David Lenihan Business Manager
Jordon Brault Student Representative

<p>Chairman of the Board, Joseph Arcuri, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:34 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p><u>Review of the Financial Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010:</u> Mr. Lenihan introduced Mr. Michael VanDeventer and Mr. Scott Trenholm from CCR (Carlin, Charron, Rosen LLP), Region 10's auditing firm. Mr. VanDeventer and Mr. Trendholm presented the results of the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.</p> <p><u>Student Representative Report:</u> Mr. Jordon Brault reported that on December 24th the National Honor Society sponsored the "Tape A Teacher" fundraiser. The donations went to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The winter pep rally was also held on the 24th. He went on to report that mid-term exams would begin the week of January 17th.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> <u>2011-2012 Estimate of Expenses:</u> Mr. Beitman reported that on February 14th at 7:30 pm he would report his Estimate of Expenses for 2011-2012 to the Board of Education. He said that with the swearing in of Governor Malloy, he continues to hear positive news regarding the ECS Grant. This is the largest grant to municipalities, which they use to fund public education. There is a 14% shortfall based upon the way in which the State has chosen to fund ECS in past years. The concern remains to be, that the State will be</p>	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>

<p>unable to cover the 14%. A shortfall from the State of that size would result in significant budget cuts at the local level. The Governor continues to say that he will fund ECS but he does not say how or for how long he will fund it. His budget message is due to be presented February 16, 2011. Mr. Beitman went on to say that he is in the process of finalizing Region 10's Estimate of Expenses and will keep the Board updated as changes occur.</p>	
<p>A motion to approve the amended minutes from the Regularly Scheduled December 13, 2011 meeting and the financial Report dated December 31, 2010, and the appointment of Ms. Marissa Shaw to a .26 P.E. and Wellness position at Harwinton Consolidated School was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>Mr. Bruce Gillemette – Burlington – asked Mr. Lenihan if the handout regarding State funding would be posted on the website. Mr. Beitman and Mr. Lenihan indicated that they would have it posted.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p><u>Har-Bur Middle School Student Government Fieldtrip to Washington D.C:</u> Ms. Agostine presented a detailed overview of the proposed student government fieldtrip to Washington D.C. She reported that the students would be engaging in fundraising events to help lower the overall cost of the fieldtrip and that students would also have an opportunity to engage in individual fundraising opportunities to lower their own individual cost. Ms. Agostine and Mr. Sawicki answered the Board member's questions.</p> <p>A motion to approve the Har-Bur Middle School Student Government Fieldtrip to Washington D.C. was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p><u>Authorization for Superintendent Alan Beitman to Sign the "Just Start Program" Grant:</u> Mr. Beitman and Mr. Smith presented an overview of the "Just Start Program". "Just Start" is a program that addresses student's transition from middle school to the high school. The grant award of \$20,000 will allow staff to receive special training and will also allow both the middle school and high school to enhance existing programs. Mr. Beitman explained that the State of Connecticut requires the Board to authorize him to sign the grant.</p> <p>A motion to authorize Superintendent Alan Beitman to sign the "Just Start Program" Grant was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mrs. Turner. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p><u>Approval of a New Course – "Academic Reading 1 & 2" at Lewis S. Mills High School:</u> Mr. Landry explained that the "Academic Reading" course was</p>	<p>ACTION</p>

designed to meet the needs of certain students at Lewis Mills High School who are still struggling with reading or have not brought their ability up to a level at which they can be successful in high school. This course would give them extra attention and instruction in Grades 9 & 10 so they can learn strategies for mastering content area vocabulary and learn tools to apply higher order thinking skills to the reading of content area texts.

A **motion** to approve the "Academic Reading 1 & 2" course was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mrs. Turner.

Mr. Landry addressed the Board's questions with regard to staffing, funding, professional development, students' needs, and the organization of the course.

All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

Approval of a New Course, "Public Speaking: The Page to the Podium" at Lewis S. Mills High School:

Mr. Landry explained that the "Public Speaking" course would address the new common core State standards for English/Language Arts which includes standards for writing, speaking, and listening.

A **motion** to approve the "Public Speaking: The Page to the Podium" course was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy.

Mr. Landry addressed the Board's questions regarding professional development, staffing, and student scheduling.

All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

Approval of a New Course, "E-Portfolio" at Lewis S. Mills High School:

Mr. Landry explained that the EPortfolio course would instruct students in the creation and use of an electronic portfolio. The EPortfolio will showcase student work, activities, sports, accomplishments, etc. of their high school career for use in post secondary studies, scholarship applications, military, and/or seeking employment.

A **motion** to approve the "EPortfolio" course was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mrs. Deprey.

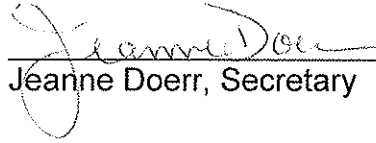
Mrs. Lazaroski answered Board member's questions regarding student scheduling and staffing.

All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

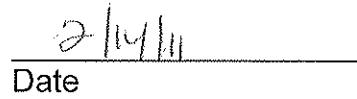
<p><u>Region 10 Board of Education’s Estimate of Expenses Recommendation to the Superintendent of Schools for his February 14, 2011 Proposal:</u></p> <p>A motion directing the Superintendent of Schools, in addition to the regular budget presentation on February 14, 2011, to present three (3) scenarios for the budget that result in a 3%, 2% and a 1% budget increase based on current known numbers was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	
<p><u>Football Field Review:</u></p> <p>Mr. Tanner presented the academic benefits of participating in athletics at Lewis S. Mills High School. In terms of field use, Mr. Tanner said that overall it was a very positive experience and that it was nice to have the team practicing on campus. He said it was not only positive for the athletes but it also had a positive effect on the athletic community.</p> <p>Mr. Fortin indicated that the football season did not go without issues but the issues were brought to his attention in a very timely manner and were addressed immediately. He said that the field, which the team practiced on, did require reseeding and extra attention but he thinks that, come spring, the field will look good. He said that it was a pleasure to have the team members around. Mr. Fortin indicated that moving forward he did not see a problem with the football team continuing to practice on school grounds.</p> <p>Mr. Robert Dunn, Buster Club President, indicated that practicing on school grounds was, overall, a very positive experience.</p> <p>Mr. Beitman stated that his proposal is to proceed with use of the field in the 2011-2012 school year with a follow-up report in January of 2012.</p> <p><u>Review of Revised Policy and Administrative Regulation #5141.21 Administration of Medication:</u></p> <p>Mr. Beitman indicated that the revisions to policy #5141.21 are a result of the State’s new regulations regarding the administration of medication to students in school. This item will be placed on the February 14, 2011 agenda for approval.</p>	<p>BUSINESS</p>
<p><u>Committee Reports:</u></p> <p><u>Curriculum Committee:</u></p> <p>Mr. Sikora reported that at the November meeting of the Curriculum Committee the three (3) courses that were approved under the action part of this agenda were discussed and finalized. At the January meeting they discussed and reviewed a proposal presented by Mr. David Grigociewicz, Science Coordinator, for scheduling changes to Har-Bur Middle School’s advanced science class. The scheduling change would be effective at the start of the 2011-2012 school year.</p>	

The committee will finalize the plan with Mr. Grigociewicz at the next meeting. Mr. Sikora will report the committee's recommendation following the committee's next meeting.	
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0) The meeting ended at 9:31 pm.	ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Doerr, Secretary



Date