

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
September 12, 2011
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THE LEARNING CENTER**

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri, Chairman
 Jeanne Doerr
 Beth Duffy
 Kathy Deprey
 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
Rebecca Spitz	Student Representative
Matthew DiSorbo	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. Following the pledge, a moment of silence was observed for the victims of 9/11.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p><u>New Staff Introductions:</u> Mr. Beitman introduced each of the building administrators who presented their new staff members along with a short bio. Mr. Beitman and the Board welcomed the new staff members and commented that the administration is thrilled to have such talented and dedicated new staff members joining the Region 10 team.</p> <p><u>New Board of Education Student Representative:</u> Mr. Beitman introduced the new Lewis S. Mills High School student representative, Mr. Matthew DiSorbo. Mr. Beitman indicated that he and the Board were delighted to have Matt as their new student representative. Mr. DiSorbo thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as a student member.</p> <p><u>Board of Education Recognition of the Board Clerk:</u> Chairman of the Board, Joseph Arcuri presented Mrs. Mary Spitz, Board Clerk, with a gift and thanked her for everything she does for the Board. Mrs. Spitz thanked the Board members and said that working with them is a genuine pleasure.</p>	<p>RECOGNITION</p>

Recognition of Retiring Staff Member:

Mr. Beitman presented a proclamation to Mr. Symonds recognizing his many years of service to Lewis S. Mills High School. Friday, September 16th is designated as Art Symonds Day in the Towns of Harwinton and Burlington. Mr. Symonds commented that he enjoyed working in Region 10 and with the students very much. He said teaching and the students have been his life. He went on to say that he cared about the students and that they were his priority and he hoped the students felt that. He thanked everyone and said it was a great experience.

Teacher of the Year:

Mr. Beitman introduced Mrs. Pam Lazaroski, Principal of Lewis S. Mills High School. Mrs. Lazaroski introduced Ms. Kelly Loveday as Region 10's 2012 teacher of the year. Mrs. Lazaroski spoke of Kelly's many outstanding qualities. She said that upon meeting Kelly, the one thing that struck her most was, Kelly was mature beyond her years. Ms. Loveday thanked the Board and said it was an honor to represent the teachers of the district. She went on to say what a pleasure it is working in Region 10.

Superintendent's Report:

Staffing Update:

Mr. Beitman reported that Region 10 is fully staffed at this time.

Enrollment Update:

Mr. Beitman presented the current enrollment numbers. He also presented a document outlining the differences between this year's numbers and the past two years. Overall Region 10's enrollment dropped from June 16, 2011 by 53 students. He also commented that Magnet School enrollment is up by twenty-five (25) students over last year. Therefore, the budget will have to be reviewed carefully because this much of an increase in Magnet School enrollment was not budgeted for. He commented on the district's lawsuit against the State Department of Education and said he felt it was a good decision on the Board's part to proceed with the case.

Mr. Beitman indicated that October 1 is the official date for which the State of Connecticut records enrollment numbers and he will report the official enrollment numbers at the Regularly Scheduled October 17th meeting.

Student Representative Report:

Miss Rebecca Spitz reported that on Sunday, September 11, the Lewis S. Mills High School marching band marched at Tavern Day in Burlington. She also reported that the Welcome Back Dance was well attended on September 9th and the Homecoming Dance is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th in the LSM Gymnasium. Mr. DiSorbo reported that fall sports are starting up and two "Danger Zones" are scheduled at Nassahegan. He also reported that football begins this Saturday with a home game at Muzzy Field. LSM Spirit week begins next Monday and students will have opportunities all week to show their spirit.

COMMUNICATIONS

<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u> A motion was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy to approve the amended minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 22, 2011 and the Financial Report dated August 31, 2011. Five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed, four (4) abstentions due to absence. Motion carries. (5/0/4)</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Sikora to approve the retirement of Mr. Art Symonds, Lewis Mills High School Social Studies teacher effective June 30, 2011. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>Mr. Beitman reported that effective June 30, 2012, Mrs. Maureen Dodd, Principal of Harwinton Consolidated, will retire. He recognized Mrs. Dodd's fine leadership over the past nineteen (19) years in Region 10 and commended that she will be missed by all.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mr. Penn to approve the retirement of Principal Maureen Dodd effective June 30, 2012. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	
<p>Dorinda Cole of the Burlington Historical Society: Ms. Cole wanted to share the Burlington Historical Society's newsletter with the Board members because there is an article in it about a project the Burlington Historical Society completed last year with Lake Garda School's second grade students. She said that in the past, there was a Board of Education member who acted as a liaison for the historical society and she asked that the Board consider assigning a member to be a liaison to the Historical Society. This member would be a point person for them. Mr. Beitman indicated that he would circulate a list of town committees to the Board members and ask them to consider serving as liaisons.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p><u>Region 10 Board of Education Committee Assignments:</u> There was some discussion regarding the Region 10 Board of Education Committees and assignments. Following is a list of the current committees: Facilities Committee Curriculum Committee Alternative Learning adhoc Committee Co-Curricular Activities adhoc Committee Finance Committee CREC Committee</p> <p>Mr. Arcuri asked that if Board members are interested in joining a committee that they please contact the chairperson of the committee. Ms. Deprey said that the Make A Mark Committee is looking for an additional Board member to serve on the committee and asked that members consider serving. Mrs. Duffy asked that Board members consider serving as the Chairperson to the Alternative Learning adhoc Committee.</p> <p>A motion to table this item to the October 17, 2011 Board of Education meeting agenda was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	<p>ACTION</p>

BUSINESS**Har-Bur Middle School Field Trip to Bermuda:**

Mr. Bogen presented a very detailed overview of the proposed Bermuda field trip scheduled for April 19, 2012 – April 23, 2012 for eighth grade students who meet the criteria. Mr. Sikora asked if there would be any changes to this field trip over last year. Mr. Beitman indicated that at the October 17th meeting the Board will be asked to consider expanding this field trip to include additional students. Last year approximately twenty (20) students had to be rejected due to lack of space. Mrs. Duffy asked Board members for their opinion on moving this item to the action section of this agenda with the consideration that if the trip were to be expanded the Har-Bur administration would come back to the Board to request approval.

Mr. Sikora made a **motion** to move this item to action section of this agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Penn. Eight (8) in favor one (1) opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/1)

Mr. Duffy made a **motion** to approve the Bermuda Field Trip as presented in tonight's packet for the same number of students as approved in past years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

Review of the Superintendent's Goals for 2012-2013:

Mr. Beitman presented his goals for the 2011-2012 school year. He encouraged Board members to contact him with any questions or comments. This item will appear on the October 17, 2011 meeting agenda for action.

Committee Reports:**Curriculum Committee:**

Mr. Sikora announced that the first curriculum committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 3:30pm in Board of Education's conference room.

Building Committee:

Mr. Lenihan reported that the construction part of the roof project is almost complete. He said that all that remains of the project is detail and finishing work. He anticipates that the project will be complete at the end of September. He reported that on September 12th, some workers were using sealants at Harwinton Consolidated School and a concern over fumes was raised. He indicated that the supervisor of buildings and grounds and the superintendent addressed the issue immediately and effectively. Mr. Lenihan and Mr. Fortin will discuss the schedule to address the remaining items with the president of the roofing company.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mrs. Turner. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Doerr, Secretary

10/17/11

Date