

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

**Board Members Present:**

Joseph Arcuri, Vice Chairman  
Susan Baccaro  
Beth Duffy  
Kathy Deprey  
Paul Omichinski  
Ted Scheidel  
Elaine Schiavone  
Ray Sikora, Chairman

**APPROVED**

**Absent:**

Phil Penn  
Noel Turner

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman            Superintendent of Schools  
Michael Landry        Assistant Superintendent  
David Lenihan         Business Manager  
Rebecca Spitz         Student Representative  
Matthew DiSorbo      Student Representative

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Alan Beitman, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:31pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
<p>A <b>motion</b> to nominate Mr. Sikora for the position of Board Chairman was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Scheidel. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to nominate Mr. Arcuri for the position of Vice Chairman was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Baccaro. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to nominate Mr. Penn, in abstention, to the position of Board Treasurer was made by Mr. Arcuri and seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to nominate Mrs. Duffy for the position of Board Secretary was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Deprey. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p>	<b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>
<p>Mr. Beitman recognized Mrs. Jeanne Doerr for her years of service to the Region 10 Board of Education. Mr. Sikora and Mr. Arcuri presented Mrs. Doerr with a gift and also thanked her for her years of service.</p> <p>A brief recess was held.</p>	<b>RECOGNITION</b>
	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>

<p><b>Student Representative Report:</b>  Mr. Matt DiSorbo reported that the fall athletic season ended very successfully. He noted that both the field hockey and girl's soccer team advanced to the quarterfinals. He reported that the Veteran's Day assembly was held on November 17 and the Lewis S. Mills Drama Club performed, "Helped I'm Trapped in High School" on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. In addition all sophomores and juniors participated in an all-day workshop entitled "Names Can Really Hurt Us" in an effort to educate students of the effects of bullying and skills to deal with all aspects of bullying. Ms. Rebecca Spitz reported that Mr. Mills was held on December 12<sup>th</sup> and twelve seniors competed for the title of Mr. Mills 2011. In addition the Lewis Mills Holiday Concert was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The Wind Ensemble and Choir performed several musical selections including a holiday medley of songs. She also reported on the girl's basketball fundraiser.</p> <p><b>Superintendent's Report:</b>  Mr. Beitman reported that planning for the 2012-2013 estimate of expenses has begun. He indicated that the Board would again hold a Saturday workshop in January 2012 to facilitate a preliminary planning session. He indicated that one issue that will need to be address is declining enrollment as it relates to staffing. Region 10 has arranged for Dr. Peter Prowda to conduct an enrollment study which will help with the planning process.</p>	
<p><b>Consent Agenda:</b>  A <b>motion</b> to approve the minutes for the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting of October 17, 2011, for the regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting of November 7, 2011, for the Special Meeting of November 17, 2011 and the financial report dated November 30, 2011 was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Scheidel. All in favor, one abstained, none opposed. Motion carries (6/1/0)</p>	<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>
<p><b>Approval of revisions to the Following Policies:</b></p> <p>Policy #5114 Student Discipline  Policy 1500 Award of Diplomas to Veterans  Policy #5122 Weighted Grading  Policy #4111.1 Equal Employment Opportunity  Policy #4118.10 Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment  Policy #5118 Equal Educational Opportunity  Policy #5150 Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment of Students  Policy #4111.1 Equal Employment Opportunity  Policy #4118.10 Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment  Policy #5118 Equal Educational Opportunity  Policy #5150 Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment of Students</p> <p>Mr. Beitman indicated that the changes to the policies are technical changes based on new legislation and that all of the policies were presented at the last meeting. He went on to explain that the changes</p>	<b>ACTION</b>

<p>were recommended and reviewed by the Board's attorney.</p> <p>Mr. Omichinski, Mr. Scheidel and Mrs. Duffy recommended a grammatical review of policies. Mr. Beitman indicated that at the end of this school year he would ask the Lewis S. Mills High School English Department to review grammar.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve all of the policies listed above as recommended was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p>	
<p><b>Review of Policy &amp; Administrative Regulation #5152A Safe School Climate Plan:</b></p> <p>Mr. Beitman indicated that this policy/regulation will replace the current bullying policy and administrative regulation. The changes are a result of new legislation. The Board's Attorney developed the revised policy and, therefore, recommended the changes. Mr. Beitman explained that this policy focuses on creating a safe school climate. It now addresses cyberbullying, further defines school employee, and prohibits bullying outside of the school setting is such bullying creates a hostile environment at school for the student, infringes on the rights of the student or substantially disrupts the educational process or orderly operation of the school. He also explained that the Board's attorney developed this document to serve as both the policy and the administrative regulation and it will be sent to the State Department of Education for final approval as required by law by January 1, 2012.</p>	<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p>
<p><b>Curriculum Committee:</b></p> <p>Mr. Sikora indicated that the next curriculum committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2012.</p>	<p><b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b></p>
<p>A <b>motion</b> to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8:23 pm.</p>	<p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>

Respectfully submitted,

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Beth Duffy, Secretary

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