

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 9, 2012
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THE LEARNING CENTER**

Board Members Present:

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

APPROVED

Absent:

Also Present:

Alan Beitman	Superintendent of Schools
Robert Choiniere	Interim Assistant Superintendent
David Lenihan	Business Manager
Rebecca Spitz	Student Representative
Matthew DiSorbo	Student Representative

<p>Chairman of the Board, Raymond Sikora, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:30 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, 2011:</u> Mr. Scott Trenholm from Carlin, Charron, Rosen LLC (CCR) reported that he and Mr. Michael VanDeventer performed the Region 10 audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and that CCR had issued an unqualified "clean" opinion with respect to the District's financial statements. In addition, federal and state single audits were performed in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, OMB Circular A-133 compliance supplement, CT state single audit act and applicable grant and contract agreements. He reported that with regard to compliance and internal control there were no instances of noncompliance. No internal control weaknesses that were noted. Mr. VanDeventer outlined the government-wide financial highlights, governmental funds financial highlights, and general fund budgetary highlights. Mr. Scott Trenholm finished by reporting the required communications. Mr. Trenholm and Mr. Van Deventer answered Board member's questions.</p> <p><u>Student Representative Report:</u> Mr. Matt DiSorbo reported that during the month of December the Lewis S. Mills Band performed at the annual holiday sing along on the Burlington Green and that the band, chorus, and studio space band</p>	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>

<p>held their winter concerts. He also reported that a winter pep rally was held on December 23rd in the LSM gymnasium. The NHS sponsored fundraiser, tape a teacher, was successful in raising money for Cystic Fibrosis. Miss Rebecca Spitz reported that last week the orientation for incoming freshmen was held and students had an opportunity to browse information booths that were set up representing each club and sport offered at LSM. She also reported that the "Mills Got Talent" show will be held this Friday night and the Humanitarian Club will be selling bracelets at lunch waves for proceeds to benefit UNICEF. She indicated that the high school mid-term exams are scheduled to begin on January 23rd.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Mr. Beitman announced that he would be making his presentation of the 2012-2013 estimate of expenses to the Board of Education on February 13, 2012 in the Lewis S. Mills Auditorium. He indicated that town officials have been invited so they may express their input.</p>	
<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></p> <p>A motion to approve the minutes for the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting of December 12, 2011 and the financial report dated December 31, 2011 was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Arcuri. Seven in favor, none opposed, 2 abstained due to absence from the meeting. Motion carries. (7/0/2)</p> <p><u>Leaves & Appointments:</u> Mr. Beitman indicated there was just one leave of absence to report and that was of Mr. Michael Landry, Assistant Superintendent.</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p><u>Authorization of Superintendent to Sign "Just Start Program"</u> <u>Notice of Revised Grant Award:</u> Mr. Beitman explained that funds awarded to Har-Bur Middle School's "Just Start Program" through the State of Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management were not exhausted last year and in order to extend the funding to this year he would need to sign the Notice of Revised Grant Award and thereby is seeking authorization to do so.</p> <p>A motion to authorize Superintendent Alan Beitman to sign the "Just Start Program notice of revised grant award" for the Har-Bur Middle School and that Mr. Beitman was authorized on August 2, 2011 to sign the Just Start notice of revised grant award was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Ms. Deprey. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p><u>Approval of New Course, "Advanced Video Production" for grades 11 & 12 at Lewis S. Mills High School:</u> Mr. Choiniere recommended the approval of the Advanced Video Production class at Lewis S. Mills High School. Mr. Sikora indicated that the curriculum committee approved this class at their last meeting. Dr. Silva reported that this class is at the advanced level of an existing class. It is a half semester class which provides an opportunity for</p>	<p>ACTION</p>

students to extend their interest and gain greater knowledge and skill in the area of video production. It was developed as a result of expressed student interest.

A **motion** to approve the new course entitled "Advanced Video Production" at Lewis S. Mills High School was made by Mrs. Turner and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. Eight in favor one opposed. Motion carries. (8/1/0)

Approval of a New Course, "Materials & Processes 2) for grades 9-12 at Lewis S. Mills High School:

Mr. Choiniere recommended the approval of the new class "Materials & Processes 2" and indicated that the curriculum committee approved it at their last meeting. Dr. Silva explained that this class is also at the advanced level of an existing class. It is a half semester class which will provide an opportunity for students to increase their knowledge and skill in cabinet making, glass cutting and working with ceramics and plastics. The class will cover what the different materials are and how they are used.

A **motion** to approve the new course entitled "Materials & Processes 2" at Lewis S. Mills High School was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

Acceptance of Harwinton Consolidated School Roof Project:

Mr. Lenihan indicated that the Harwinton Consolidated Roof Project is now 100% complete and that one of the necessary steps to formally close the roof project with the State of Connecticut is for the Board of Education to approve the project as complete and accept the project for school building purposes. The Building Committee met on January 4, 2012 and approved the project as complete.

A **motion** to approve the Harwinton Consolidated Roof Project (State #210-0040) as complete and to accept this project for public school purposes was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Scheidel. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)

Football Field Review:

Mr. Beitman indicated that last year the football team was given permission to practice on the Mills campus on a trial basis pending a one-year review. Mr. Fortin indicated that the Varsity Football Coach, Greg Todd, is very cooperative and supportive and, therefore, it has been a very good experience. Mr. Fortin recommends that they continue to practice on campus. Mr. Tanner indicated that one goal was to integrate the football team into the regular school climate and by having them on campus they are part of the school and the athletic department. Coach Todd extended his appreciation to the Board and explained how beneficial it has been for the team to have the opportunity to practice on campus. Ms. Schiavone asked about head injury awareness and training. Ms. Deprey also asked about long-term


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<p>consequences of concussions. Mr. Tanner spoke to the Board in depth about policy, prevention, and instruction and indicated that he would continue to update the Board on this important topic. Mr. Beitman asked if the Board would like a formal update next year regarding the football team's field use. Mr. Omichinski indicated that he would like to hear a review of all field conditions at the end of the fall season next year. Mr. Fortin stated that he would present two reviews next year, one after the spring season and one after the fall season.</p> <p><u>Establishment of Calendar Committee:</u></p> <p>Mr. Beitman explained that he would like to have a committee begin working on the calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. He said that in the past a committee made up of various staff members, community members, and Board members was developed and he requested the Board's permission to maintain and convene this committee to work on the 2014-2015 calendar. He went on to invite interested Board members to serve. Ms. Deprey and Mrs. Baccaro volunteered to serve. Mrs. Duffy asked that the committee consider the magnet school calendar when developing the Region 10 calendar and gave Mr. Beitman a copy to share with the committee.</p>	
<p><u>Curriculum Committee Report:</u></p> <p>Mr. Sikora reported on the January curriculum committee meeting. He reported that the committee approved two new classes, tabled one class for further consideration, and they tabled the purchase of a new chemistry book.</p> <p><u>Building Committee Report:</u></p> <p>Mr. Omichinski reported on the January 4th building committee meeting. He reported that the committee reviewed the status of the roof projects and approved the Harwinton Consolidated School Roof Project as 100% complete.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8:40 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Respectfully submitted,



 Beth Duffy, Secretary



 Date