

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 13, 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
Ray Sikora, Chairman
Noel Turner (left at 8:10pm)

APPROVED

Absent:

Elaine Schiavone

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 7:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge was followed by a moment of silence in honor of Nathan Wilson.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p><u>Student Representative Report:</u> Mss Rebecca Spitz reported that tonight is the girl's basketball senior night at Lewis Mills High School and they are playing against Litchfield. The boy's basketball senior night is scheduled for this Friday, February 17th. On Thursday, February 16th the Unified Sports team will be competing against Regional School District #7. Miss Spitz reported that Siobhan O'Neil, LSM senior, will be hosting a benefit concert February 15th to help fund her mission trip to the Dominican Republic, the National Honor Society's annual can drive ends tomorrow, on February 16th the LSM exchange students will leave for their trip to Spain and the Lewis Mills High School's "Got Talent" was held January 13th with twelve acts competed. The band, "Touch of Color" took 1st place. Poetry Out Loud was held on Jan. 31st and Matt DiSorbo took 1st place. Mr. Matt DiSorbo reported that the LSM winter concert was held on February 2nd, the Region 10 Math Team traveled to New Milford High School for their first math meet on February 6th. They placed 5th. On February 7th the annual American Mathematics Contest was held. The Glow in the Dark Dance was held on February 10th and there was a great turnout. Mr. DiSorbo went on to report that the LSM girl's track and field team competed in the state competition on February 10 and the boys track team will compete tomorrow. Finally,</p>	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>

he reported that on February 9th a candlelight vigil was held in honor of Nathan Wilson with a turnout of over 800 people.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent's Presentation of the 2012-2013 Estimate of Expenses:

Mr. Beitman presented his recommended estimate of expenses for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Beitman proposed a 2.24% increase over the 2011-2012 estimate of expenses or an increase of \$777,961. Mr. Beitman indicated that the estimate, as usual, does not include any "new" funding. However, he listed recommended new items for the Board's consideration. Most significantly the proposed new funding items includes a proposal to move from a half-day kindergarten program to an all day kindergarten program. He indicated that the State is beginning to move toward mandating all day kindergarten and that this was an important factor in considering an all day program. He presented research and information supporting an all day program. Mr. Beitman indicated that by moving to an all day program the expense to the district would be \$52,000. The total of all of the new items is \$150,110. New funds would increase the estimate by approximately .4%. He explained that by eliminating the mid-day bussing runs this would significantly decrease the overall expense of going to an all day kindergarten program. He went on to outline district-wide efficiencies and savings, projected enrollment, staffing reductions/reorganizations, unemployment insurance, student performance or "return on investment", unfunded mandates and budgetary issues to monitor.

Mr. Sikora thanked Mr. Beitman, Mr. Lenihan and the staff members who assisted in putting together the estimate of expenses. He commended that the proposed estimate of expenses meets the needs of the students and it is also affordable to the towns.

The presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period.

Consent Agenda:

A **motion** to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2012 regularly scheduled board of education meeting was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

Mr. Beitman announced that Mr. Al McGunnigle, Lewis Mills Guidance Counselor, has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2012 and he complimented Mr. McGunnigle on his 34 years of outstanding service to Lewis S. Mills High School and Regional School District #10.

Mrs. Jayne Stocker of Burlington - thanked Mr. Beitman and the staff for the manner in which last week's tragedy was handled. She commented that she was pleased to see proposed new funding at such a low increase to the taxpayers. She asked about the surplus from last year and whether the building staff was consulted about program needs and if some of the surplus could be used to support these needs. Mr. Lenihan indicated once a year is completed and audited and a surplus is realized, at it should be returned to the towns as part of Regional

CONSENT AGENDA

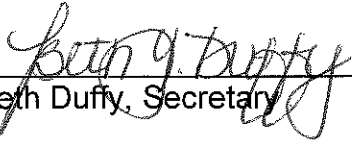
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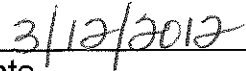
<p>School regulations.</p> <p>Melissa Hayes from Burlington - came to voice her support for the all day kindergarten program.</p>	
<p><u>Approval of Revisions to Policy #4118.25 – Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect:</u></p> <p>Mr. Beitman explained that the Board’s attorney recommended the revisions to policy #4119.25 as a result of new legislation and he summarized the revisions.</p> <p>A motion to approve the revisions to Policy #4118.25 – Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect was made by Mrs. Baccaro and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><u>Acceptance of Lake Garda School Roof Project:</u></p> <p>Mr. Lenihan explained that the Lake Garda School Roof project has been completed and that one of the necessary steps to formally closing 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.</p> <p>A motion to approve the Lake Garda School Roof Project (State #210-0039) as complete and to accept this project for public school purposes was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Ms. Deprey. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p><u>Review of 2014-2015 School Calendar:</u></p> <p>Mr. Beitman thanked his administrative assistant for taking the initiative to include additional important details to the school calendars. Mr. Bogen presented the recommended calendar that was developed by a committee that as comprised of staff, students, Board members, and parents. He touched on the highlights. Mrs. Duffy asked if the CREC calendar was considered. Mr. Bogen indicated that because Region 10 schedules their calendars three (3) year’s out it would be difficult to consider CREC’s calendar. Mr. Sikora indicated that this item will appear on the February 27, 2012 agenda for action.</p>	<p>BUSINESS</p>
<p><u>Curriculum Committee Report:</u></p> <p>Mr. Sikora reported that the Curriculum Committee met on February 1st and they discussed the approval of a new Spanish course which will be presented for approval at the February 27th meeting of the Board of Education. In addition, the purchase of a new chemistry book was discussed but after reviewing all options the committee decided to postpone the purchase of the book</p> <p><u>Finance Committee Report:</u></p> <p>Mr. Penn reported that the finance committee had not yet met with the Harwinton and Burlington Board’s of Finance but they will be meeting in the next week or two. He indicated that when the committees meet together they will discuss the return of surplus.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries.
(7/0/0)

The meeting ended at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Beth Duffy, Secretary


Date