

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
March 12, 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 7:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p><u>Student Representative Report:</u> Student Representatives, Rebecca Spitz and Matthew DiSorbo, reported on many Lewis Mills High School activities and events including The Northern Regional Middle School Music Festival, The Prom Fashion Show, CAPT testing, Winter Athletic Awards, Coffee House Cabaret, Spring Fling Dance, the Make A Mark Sponsored Community Chess Tournament, Model U.N. Field Trip, and the Humanitarian Club Member's induction into the Lions Club.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Mr. Beitman reported on the Estimate of Expenses updates. He indicated that the estimate has been adjusted slightly downward from 2.08% to 1.94%. He stated that if all the new funding items were included it would bring the increase to 2.30%. He indicated that the changes from last week's meeting reflect corrections to the town's share percentages, an increase to six confirmed retirements and changes in enrollment.</p> <p>The Board discussed information which was received in response to their questions from the last meeting which included the proposed computer replacement plan, technology hourly increase, contractual obligations and how they impact the budget, special education transportation costs and a breakdown of the athletics' budget.</p>	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>

<p>Consent Agenda: A motion to approve the amended minutes from the Regularly Scheduled Board of Education Meeting of February 13, 2012 and the Financial Report Dated February 29, 2012 was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed, one abstained due to absence. Motion carries. (8/0/1)</p> <p>Mr. Beitman read the retirement letters he received from Mrs. Kathy Ryan, Mrs. Patricia Hooper and Mrs. Susan Sadowski.</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p>Approval of Revisions to Policy #3541.2 – Transportation - as Recommended by the Board’s Attorney: Mr. Lenihan explained that the changes to policy #3541.2 were recommended by the Board’s attorney and he recommend the Board approve the revised policy.</p> <p>A motion to approve revisions to policy #3541.2 Transportation - was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Turner. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>Approval of New Course, Grade 12 – Hispanic Culture Through Film: Mr. Beitman indicated that the addition of this class would not create a need for additional staff. Mrs. Lazaroski answered the Board’s questions as they relate to staffing and the merit of the class.</p> <p>A motion to approve the new course entitled “Hispanic Culture Through Film” was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Deprey. Seven in favor, two opposed. Motion carries. (7/2/0)</p> <p>Approval of Policy #5152 Safe School Climate Plan: Mr. Beitman explained that the changes to policy #5152 – Safe School Climate Plan – were driven by new legislation. He further indicated that all Connecticut school districts were required to submit their policies to the state and it was confirmed that the State has received Region 10’s policy #5152.</p> <p>A motion to approve policy #5152 Safe School Climate Plan was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to set on April 1, 2011 the date for the Lewis S. Mills High School Graduation as June 13, 2011 at 6:30pm:</p> <p>A motion to authorize the superintendent of schools to set, on April 1, 2012, the tentative date for the Lewis S. Mills High School graduation of June 13, 2012 was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Deprey. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>There was no business.</p>	<p>BUSINESS</p>

<p>Finance Committee: Mr. Penn said the Finance Committee had an opportunity to meet with representatives of the Town of Harwinton and the Town of Burlington to discuss use of part of the surplus from 2010-2011 fiscal year to finance the replacement of the unit ventilators for Lake Garda School. He indicated that the committee would be meeting with Town officials to finalize an agreement. The Board discussed this topic and expressed their perspectives.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>
<p>Mr. Beitman presented the following schedule for upcoming meetings: March 28, 2012 – All Day Kindergarten Panel Discussion – Outside specialties April 2, 2012 – All Day Kindergarten Workshop – Region 10 Staff April 9, 2012 @ 7pm – Public Hearing April 9, 2012 @ 7:30pm – Regularly Scheduled Board of Education Meeting</p> <p>Mr. Omichinski was concerned over the fullness of the schedule, Ms. Deprey supported Mr. Omichinski's comments and suggested the Board keep the April 2 meeting in place but reschedule the April 9 meeting, Ms. Schiavone expressed concern over what she sees as a push to get the all day kindergarten program included in the 2012-2013 budget. Mr. Sikora reminded the Board of their responsibilities. Mrs. Duffy indicated that she would like to keep the March 28 workshop in place and push the others out further. Mrs. Turner indicated that even if there was a push to get this item into the budget for 2012-2013, she felt the Board made it clear that they wanted to investigate all options thoroughly. Mrs. Turner felt the meeting schedule was aggressive. Mr. Arcuri indicated that the schedule is aggressive given the two administrative searches and other Board of Education Meetings.</p> <p>The Board discussed meeting options and decided to cancel the proposed March 28, 2012 meeting and to hold a budget workshop meeting on April 2, 2012 and then hold the public hearing on April 9, 2012 immediately followed by the regular Board of Education Meeting.</p> <p>The Board also decided to schedule an all day kindergarten panel discussion presented by outside specialists on May 7, 2012. They also agreed to schedule a second workshop on May 23, 2012 at which Board members and administrators can discuss an all day kindergarten program.</p>	<p>UPCOMING MEETINGS</p>
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9:38 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Duffy, Secretary

Date