

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
May 14, 2012  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
THE LEARNING CENTER**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**APPROVED**

**Absent:**

Noel Turner  
Beth Duffy

**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><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>
<p><b><u>FBLA Recognition:</u></b> Mrs. Barbara Angelicola Manzolli introduced this year's FBLA. She then reported on FBLA's success at the State and National level. She indicated that Region 10 had the second largest group entered in the State competition this year. Kendra Christensen and Nicole Storti presented the PowerPoint presentation on the topic of texting that they presented in the competition. Miss Kelly Tower presented a video highlighting the story of a young man whose life was changed by an accident involving texting while driving. She presented the video at the state competition. Mrs. Angelicola Manzolli then introduced the competition winners.</p> <p><b><u>Student Representative Report:</u></b> Mr. Matt DiSorba reported on the Lewis S. Mills High School Spring Drama production, Big Band Bash, Scholar's Breakfast and Honor's Night. Miss Rebecca Spitz reported on the Mock Crash, NHS Film Festival, the Junior/Senior Prom, and this year's National Honor Society's Induction.</p> <p><b><u>Superintendent's Report:</u></b> Mr. Beitman introduced Mr. Roger Cote the new Food Service Director.</p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b></p>
<p><b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></b> A <b>motion</b> to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2012 Public Hearing,</p>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>

<p>the minutes from the April 9, 2012 Regular Meeting and the financial report dated April 30, 2012 was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p>Mr. Beitman announced the resignation of Mrs. Angela Villadolid and the retirement of Mrs. Susan Westberg.</p>	
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p>
<p><b>Discussion on Participation in Connecticut Nutrition Program:</b> Mr. Lenihan explained what the Connecticut Nutrition Program entails and he highlighted Region 10's nutrition program. He recommended that Region 10 not participate in the Connecticut Nutrition Program.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to decline participation in the Connecticut Nutrition Program was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><b>Appointment of Auditor:</b> Mr. Lenihan recommended the Board approve the appointment of Grant Thorton (formerly Carlin, Charron &amp; Rosen, LLP (CCR)) to conduct an audit for the FY2011-2012. He indicated that CCR has been providing audit services to Region 10 for the past fourteen (14) years. Their fee did increase \$1,000 to \$32,000 which is the first increase in four (4) years.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to appoint Grant Thorton to conduct an audit for the FY2011-2012 was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><b>Approval of Har-Bur Middle School 2012-2013 Bermuda Field Trip:</b> Mr. Beitman indicated that because this field trip is not a new trip (this will be the 4<sup>th</sup> trip) it is being presented to the Board one time with action anticipated. Mr. Bogen and Ms. Ingversten reported on next year's trip itinerary and indicated that the only change to next year's trip is that they will extend the trip from five (5) days to six (6) days. They reported that they would again open the trip up to a total of twenty-five (25) students.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve the Har-Bur Middle School 2012-2013 Bermuda Field Trip was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p>
<p><b>Review of Three-Year Technology Plan:</b> Mr. Leigh Pont presented highlights from the three-year technology plan which will cover the time period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. He pointed out the action plan for goal area 1 which will affect the curriculum to align technology instruction with the Common Core Standards. He also reviewed the action plan for goal area 2 which tracks SRBI. Both areas are new. He indicated that the Board has been progressively upgrading the network infrastructure which is now mandated under action plan for goal area 4. Mr. Pont addressed the</p>	<p><b>BUSINESS</b></p>

Board's questions. This item will appear on the June agenda for action.

**Review of School Nutrition Food Service Operations:**

Mr. Lenihan introduced Mr. Roger Cote who spoke about his plans for the Region 10 School Nutrition Program. He indicated that moving forward he would like to stay ahead of the curve of federal guidelines. He indicated he would be attending workshops in the next few weeks because guidelines have changed. Mr. Penn asked about local agricultural support in order to avoid shipping costs. Mr. Cote indicated that he supports purchasing from local vendors and said they are both less expensive and more wholesome. Mr. Lenihan distributed a year to date financial statement for the Food Service Department. He reported that Region 10 has a greater fund balance than is allowed by the State of Connecticut but the district is given time to disperse the surplus. Expenses include increase in wages, employee benefits, food purchases, supplies, repairs and equipment. The report also included a breakdown of revenue which included the figures for student lunch, catering income, and federal and State grants. His goal is to move to a totally self-sustained food service department and he indicated that Region 10 is positioned to do so successfully.

**School Resource Officer Update:**


Mr. Beitman did not have anything new to report but indicated that both first selectmen are in the process of negotiating in order to implement the program. He said the goal remains to have the position filled by a constable because this would allow the towns to oversee the officer.

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Arcuri. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)

**ADJOURN**

The meeting ended at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Beth Duffy, Secretary

6/11/2012  
Date