

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
June 11, 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

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

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| <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>Recognition of Lewis S. Mills Golf Team:</u> Mr. Beitman introduced Coach Pelchar and congratulated him and the golf team. Coach Pelchar thanked everyone and recognized the four all-star student athletes, Chris Greaterox, Andrew Boucher, Cole Letchworth and Colby Prestash, on their achievement.</p> <p><u>Recognition of Retiring Staff:</u> Mr. Beitman recognized the district's retiring staff members and read a proclamation honoring each of the staff member's. The retirees included, Kathleen Ryan, Susan Sadowski, Jill Nedorostek, Marcy Schulman, Kathleen Gilson, Susan Westberg, Eileen Purcell, Ann Savastio, Fran Raymond, Robert Burnett, Al McGunnigle, Maureen Dodd, Michael Landry, and David Lenihan.</p> <p><u>Recognition of Graduating BOE Student Representative:</u> Mr. Beitman recognized the graduating staff representative, Rebecca Spitz and he thanking her for her years of service and for her valuable input.</p> | <p>RECOGNITION</p> |
| <p><u>Student Representative Report:</u> Mr. DiSorbo reported on the NHS induction, senior picnic, first LSM field day, Studio Pop Rock Concert, NFLHS induction, Spring Athletic Awards. Miss Spitz reported on prom, LSM marching band parade performances, LSM 2012 graduation and project graduation. She also</p> | <p>COMMUNICATIONS</p> |

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| <p>congratulated Mr. Lenihan and Mr. Landry and commented that it was a pleasure working with the Board members.</p> <p>Superintendent's Report: Mr. Beitman welcomed Mrs. Susan Laone to the district. Susan is the newly appointed Director of Finance and Operations.</p> | |
| <p>Consent Agenda: A motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Education Annual Budget Meeting of May 7, 2012, the regularly scheduled meeting of May 14, 2012 and the financial report dated May 31, 2012 was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Arcuri. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>A motion to approve a one-year leave of absence for Mr. Larry Sidney, Har-Bur Middle School P.E./Wellness teacher, was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0).</p> <p>Mr. Beitman acknowledged receipt of the following retirement notices: Kathleen Gilson, Eileen Purcell, March Schulman, Jill Nedorostek and Ann Savastio.</p> <p>A motion to approve the retirements was made by Mr. Omichinski and was second by Mrs. Baccaro. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>Mr. Beitman acknowledged the renewal of the following staff members: Tiffany Albert, Caitlyn Hardy, Kathryn Lenehan, Derek Santoro, Allison Klaus, Tara Fischer, Diane Premus, Laurie Claflin, Kyle Chaves, James Barone and Tania McNaboe.</p> <p>A motion to renew the listed staff members was made by Ms. Schiavone and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. (9/0/0)</p> <p>Appointments: A motion to approve the appointment of Sarah Huelin and Erin Putnam was made by Mrs. Turner and was seconded by Ms. Deprey. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>Appointment of Mrs. Stephanie Carbone as the Assistant Principal of Lake Garda School. A motion to appoint Ms. Stephanie Carbone to the position of Assistant Principal of Lake Garda School was made by Ms. Schiavone and was seconded by Mr. Scheidel. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>Ms. Carbone thanked the Board and search committee. She said that she is thrilled to begin working in Region 10. She went on to say that Region 10 stood out to her as a place that she would like to work. She said she is grateful and excited about working with everyone in RSD10.</p> | <p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> |
| <p>There was no public participation.</p> | <p>PUBLIC</p> |

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| <p><u>Approval of Full Day Kindergarten Plan for 2012-2013:</u></p> <p>A motion to approve the implementation of a full day kindergarten program for the 2012-2013 school year with an optional fall transition schedule was made by Mrs. Turner and was seconded by Mrs. Baccaro.</p> <p>Mr. Scheidel asked if there was any interest in offering an option for parents who may not want to have their children attend a full day. Mr. Beitman indicated that the administration though students would miss valuable instruction time if some students did not attend the full day. Mrs. Duffy asked if there could be a consideration of a phase in where students could attend for a half day until the second week in October. Mr. Beitman indicated that parents could make a decision to dismiss their child every day at 1:40pm through the second week of October. He also indicated that parents could choose to withdraw their child and reenroll them next year. Parents could choose a private half-day program or to home school them and then enroll them in 1st grade next year. Mrs. Duffy asked about how the parents will be made aware of volunteer opportunities. Mr. Gedney and Mrs. Mazzei outlined their plan for getting parents involved.</p> <p>Vote: All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p><u>Authorization of Superintendent to Cancel July 19, 2012 BOE Meeting:</u></p> <p>A motion cancel the July 19, 2012 Board of Education Meeting was made by Mr. Penn seconded by Mrs. Baccaro. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p><u>Approval of Three-Year Technology Plan:</u></p> <p>A motion to approve the three-year technology plan was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Turner. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p><u>Approval of 2012-2013 LSM Spain Field Trip:</u></p> <p>Mr. Beitman introduced Ms. Lapman who presented a detailed outline for the Lewis S. Mills High School trip to Spain in February of 2013. She indicated that the Spain students would visit here in September of 2013 and that would be the only difference and that is due to a prior commitment that the sister school in Spain has. This would be the 5th trip of its kind.</p> <p>A motion to approve the Lewis S. Mills High School trip to Spain was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Arcuri. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> | <p>ACTION</p> |

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| <p>Approval of LSM High School Science Proposal: Mrs. Lazaroski presented a proposal to increase one of the science teachers from a .6 FTE to a .8 FTE to help alleviate the overcrowding of some of the science classes. The schedules for some of the other science teachers have been modified to make the overall department schedule more flexible. She indicated that due to an increased interest in advanced placement classes she is experiencing scheduling conflicts.</p> <p>A motion to approve an FTE increase from a .6 to a .8 in order to alleviate scheduling conflicts for the 2012-2013 school year was made by Mr. Arcuri seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> | |
| <p>Lake Garda School EMS Update (Energy Savings): Mr. Fortin presented a report on the expansion of the energy savings system that was installed at Lake Garda School over the winter break. He compared Lake Garda School and Harwinton Consolidated School since they are similar in size. He reported a much greater savings at Lake Garda School as a result of the energy savings system. The savings in Kwh was 15% and the savings in gallons of oil used is 30%.</p> <p>Spring Athletic Fields Review and Recommendations: Mr. Fortin and Mr. Tanner reported on the athletic fields. Mr. Fortin indicated that due to the very wet spring the fields are in poor condition and that the Lacrosse field will not be playable until something is done to repair the damage. He indicated that the baseball fields are in better condition. He outlined what would need to be done to fix the field and that it would take approximately two years and \$50,000. Mr. Tanner said he spoke with the Park and Recreation department and they are willing to allow LSM to use two fields for the fall soccer season. He said that the spring season will be a bigger problem. Mr. Tanner indicated that they don't have a regulation field available as an alternate for them to practice on. A lengthy discussion was held regarding future field use and how to prevent further damage of Region 10 fields. The Board made a decision to schedule a facilities committee meeting to address the situation and make recommendations and form a plan of action.</p> | <p>BUSINESS</p> |
| <p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9:57pm.</p> | <p>ADJOURN</p> |

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Duffy, Secretary