

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 20, 2012
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THE LEARNING CENTER**

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri, Vice Chairman
Beth Duffy
Paul Omichinski
Phil Penn (via Skype at 7:18pm – 8:30pm)
Ted Scheidel
Elaine Schiavone
Ray Sikora, Chairman

Absent:

Susan Baccaro
Kathy Deprey
Noel Turner

APPROVED

Also Present:

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

Chairman of the Board, Raymond Sikora, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:04pm pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	CALL TO ORDER
<p><u>Presentation of Energy Education Award for Energy Stewardship to Region 10:</u> Mr. Beitman introduced Mr. Jim Galletly of Energy Education who presented Mr. David Crompton with the Energy Education Stewardship Award. He recognized and congratulated Mr. Crompton for his efforts in reducing energy consumption in Region 10.</p>	
<p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Staffing Update: Mr. Beitman reported that staffing is complete and all positions are filled with the exception of a .26 PE/Wellness position at Harwinton Consolidated School for which a finalist has been identified and he will be meeting with her tomorrow. Enrollment Update: Mr. Beitman reported that enrollment has picked up in August and is now firming up. He also reported the current enrollment numbers for each school including magnet schools, voag/votech and outplacements which accounts for 53 students in out-of-district schools. He went on to report on the solar panel plan and the unit ventilator project. <u>Student Representative Report:</u> Matt DiSorbo reported on the start of Band Camp and Link Leader</p>	COMMUNICATIONS

<p>training for juniors and seniors who will work with incoming freshmen to ease their transition into high school. He also reported that concussion impact testing was conducted today, August 20, 2012 and that the class of 2013 has two upcoming fundraisers. The first fundraiser is a car wash scheduled for this coming weekend and the second is scheduled for August 27th at Flatbread in the Canton Shops.</p>	
<p>Consent Agenda: A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Omichinski and seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0) Consent Agenda Items: A. Minutes B. Financial Report dated June 30, 2012 C. Appointments D. Retirements & Resignations</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p>Approval of the Superintendent’s Contract Extension 2014-2015: A motion to approve an extension of one (1) year to the contract for Alan Beitman, Superintendent of Schools, was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>Review of Revisions to Policy #4111.2/4211.2 Fingerprinting, Criminal History Records & Employment Reference Checks: Mr. Beitman indicated that revisions to this policy were recommended by the Board’s attorney due to legislative changes. This item will appear on the September 10th Board of Education agenda for approval.</p> <p>Review of Revisions to Policy #4118.25/5141.4 Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect: Mr. Beitman indicated that the revisions to the policy were driven by legislative changes and the Department of Children & Families issuance of a model policy. This item will appear on the September 10th Board of Education agenda for approval.</p> <p>Review of Revisions to Administrative Regulation 515A Student Attendance and Truancy: The State Board of Education recently adopted a policy statement defining “excused” and “unexcused” absences for the purpose of truancy. Therefore, it was necessary for schools to revise their truancy policies and administrative regulations to incorporate this new definition.</p> <p>Review of Revisions to Administrative Regulation #5141.21A Administration of Medications: Due to legislative changes regarding students with diabetes, revisions were recommended by the Board’s attorney to include details not limiting the time and location of self testing, the definition of “injectable equipment used to administer glucagon, and the use of qualified school employees to administer injectable glucagon.</p>	<p>BUSINESS</p>

Review of Revisions to Policy #6165 Acceptable Use:

Revisions to the Acceptable Use Policy were driven by legislative changes and were recommended by the Board's attorney. This item will appear on the September 10th Board of Education Agenda for approval.

Review of Revisions to Administrative Regulation 6165A Acceptable Use:

The changes to this administrative regulation were recommended by the Board's attorney to keep it in line with the acceptable use policy and the legislative changes.

Review of Newly Developed Policy #5113 Foreign Exchange Students:

As a result of increased interest by families for students, residing outside the United States, to attend Region 10 Schools, the superintendent initiated the development of policy for foreign exchange students. He recommended approval of Policy #5113 so that guidelines and procedures may be established to facilitate the safe and fair placement of foreign exchange students. This item will appear on the September 10th agenda for approval.

Review of Revisions to Administrative Regulation 6153A Field Trips:

Mr. Beitman explained that the change to this policy is a result of the Board's recommendation that all overnight trips being planned for the first time or an existing overnight trip whose format and/or scope is changed substantially must receive approval of the Board of Education at least **60 days prior to the trip** rather than **30 days prior**.

Review of Revisions to Policy #6200 Adult Education:

In keeping with last year's increase of the school dropout age from 16 to 17, the definition of "adult" for the purposes of adult education was revised to reflect the change in eligibility criteria. This item will appear on the September 10th agenda for approval.

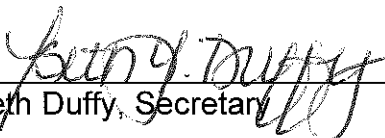
The Board discussed the policy revisions at length.

Graduation Credit Requirements:

Mrs. Lazaroski explained that a bill was passed increasing high school graduation requirements starting with the class of 2018. It also requires school districts to provide students who are unable to satisfactorily complete the new requirements with support and remedial services that are an alternative to meeting the new requirements. The bill requires that boards of education give a status report on implementing the higher standards by November 1, 2012 to the State Department of Education and biennially thereafter. The bill also contains requirements on end-of-year exams. In addition it permits school boards to award credit toward graduation requirements for the successful completion of on-line coursework if the board has adopted an online course policy

<p>that meets standards the bill sets. Mrs. Lazaroski presented historical data and a plan for Lewis S. Mills High School that will support the new standards. The Board discussed the new requirements and the plan. Mr. Beitman indicated that for the September 10th meeting, they would recommend the course credit requirements for the class of 2016 remain at 23 and in the interim the Board would recommend that the curriculum committee work to develop a timeline and credit requirements for the class of 2017 and 2018.</p>	
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8:48 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Respectfully submitted,



 Beth Duffy, Secretary



 Date