

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
September 10, 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

Absent:

Elaine Schiavone
Noel Turner

Also Present:

Alan Beitman Superintendent of Schools
Robert Choiniere Director of Student Learning
Susan Laone Director of Finance & Operations
Matthew DiSorbo Student Representative
Katie Hurlock 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.</p>	CALL TO ORDER
<p>Mr. Beitman recognized and thanked Roger Cote for the wonderful job he did in catering the evening's reception.</p> <p><u>New Staff Introductions:</u> Mr. Beitman introduced each of the building administrators who introduced their new staff members. Mr. Beitman and the Board welcomed all of the new teachers and commented that the administration is delighted to have such talented and dedicated educators joining the Region 10 team.</p> <p><u>Teacher of the Year:</u> Mr. Beitman introduced Mrs. Karen Czerwinski, 2013 Teacher of the Year. Karen is the district's Partner's in Literacy coordinator. Mr. Beitman commented that Karen's performance is outstanding in everything she does and that she is very highly respected and loved by all her students, parents, teachers, and administrators.</p> <p><u>Recognition of Retired Staff Member:</u> Mr. Beitman explained that Mrs. Francine Gryniuk announced her retirement just after the end of the 2011-2012 school year. He recognized and thanked Mrs. Gryniuk, Harwinton Consolidated School Music Teacher, for her thirty-four years of dedicated service to Region</p>	RECOGNITION

<p>10. He presented her with a proclamation declaring Friday, September 28, 2012 as Francine Gryniuk Day in Region 10.</p> <p><u>Recognition of Board Member:</u> Chairman of the Board Raymond Sikora and Mr. Beitman recognized Mrs. Kathy Deprey who resigned her position on the Board because she is moving out of state. Mr. Sikora thanked her for her dedication and commitment to the members of the communities of Harwinton and Burlington. Mrs. Deprey said that it was a great pleasure to serve on the Region 10 Board of Education. She thanked everyone for electing her and said how wonderful it was to work with each of the Board members.</p>	
<p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Staffing Update: Mr. Beitman reported that Region 10 is fully staffed at this time.</p> <p>Enrollment Update: Mr. Beitman presented the current enrollment numbers for each school and how they compare to last year's projected enrollment numbers. He also reported on the number of all day kindergarten students that are remaining all day. Finally, he commented on the successful outcome of the lawsuit which was filed against the State Department of Education regarding preschool tuition.</p> <p><u>Student Representative Report:</u> Mr. Beitman introduced the new Lewis S. Mills High School student representative, Miss Katie Hurlock, who is a junior at Lewis Mills High School. The Board welcomed Katie.</p> <p>Miss Hurlock reported on freshman orientation, link crew, this week's fall sports athlete meeting, and Tavern Day. Mr. Disorbo reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Harwinton/Burlington Youth Service Bureau, danger zone, the upcoming welcome back dance, and Lewis Mills Marching band's upcoming parades.</p>	COMMUNICATIONS
<p><u>Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:</u> A motion was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Penn to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 20, 2012. Five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed, two (2) abstentions due to absence. Motion carries. (5/0/2)</p> <p><u>Consent Agenda:</u> A motion approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Scheidel and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><u>Consent Agenda Items Include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Financial Report Dated August 31, 2012 • Appointments 	
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Approval to Increase High School Graduation Credit

Requirements:

A discussion was held regarding the new State requirement that calls for an increase in the number of credits a high school student must achieve in order to graduate. The Board also discussed how it will impact the high school, graduation rates, and the students.

A **motion** to approve an increase of one (1) credit required for graduation beginning with the Class of 2016 thereby, increasing the total number of credits required to graduate from twenty-two (22) to twenty-three (23) was made by Mr. Omichinski and seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion carries. (7/0/0)

Approval of the Transportation Contract:

Mrs. Susan Laone, Director of Finance & Operations, reviewed the newly negotiated agreement between Region 10 and All Star Transportation. She indicated that the changes were minor and both she and Mr. Beitman recommended its approval. Mrs. Laone addressed the Board's questions.

A **motion** to approve the transportation contract between All Star Transportation and Regional School District #10 with recommended modifications to the insurance coverage language and bus-housing language was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion carries. (7/0/0)

Approval of Food Service Employee's Agreement:

Mrs. Susan Laone reviewed the agreement that was negotiated between the Food Service Employees Local 1303-457 of Council #4 of AFSCME, AFL-CIO and Regional School District #10 and was ratified by the food service employees. Mrs. Laone and Mr. Beitman recommended that the Board approve the contract.

A **motion** to approve the agreement between the Food Service Employees Local 1303-457 of Council #4 of AFSCME, AFL-CIO and Regional School District #10 was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Ms. Deprey. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion carries. (7/0/0)

Approval of Revisions to Policy #4111.2/4211.2:

Mr. Beitman explained that the revisions to this policy were driven by legislative changes and the changes were recommended by the Board's attorney.


A **motion** to approve the revisions to policy #4112.2/4211.2 Fingerprinting Criminal History Records & Employment Reference Checks was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mrs. Baccaro. Six (6) in favor. One (1) opposed. None (0) abstained. Motion carries. (6/1/0)

ACTION

<p><u>Approval of Revisions to Policy #4118.25/5141.4:</u> Mr. Beitman explained that the revisions to this policy are due to legislative changes and they were recommended by the Board's attorney.</p> <p>A motion to approve the revisions to policy #4118.25/5141.4 Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Ms. Baccaro. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><u>Approval of Policy #5113:</u> Mr. Beitman recommended approval of policy #5113 Foreign Exchange Students. He explained that because of increased interest in hosting foreign exchange students by local families the Board's attorney recommended the adoption of this policy.</p> <p>A motion to approve policy #5113 Foreign Exchange Students was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><u>Approval of Administrative Regulation 6153A:</u> Mr. Beitman explained that the change to this regulation is a result of the Board's recommendation that all overnight field 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. In addition, language was added regarding the requirements for chaperone/student ratio.</p> <p>A motion to approve the revisions to administrative regulation 6153A Field Trips was made by Mr. Arucri and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><u>Approval of Revisions to Policy #6200:</u> Mr. Beitman explained that the revisions to this policy are the result of legislative changes and the Board's attorney recommended the revisions.</p> <p>A motion to approve the revisions to policy #6200 Adult Education was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p>	
<p><u>Review of Superintendent's Goals for 2012-2013:</u> Mr. Beitman presented his goals for the 2012-2013 school year. He encouraged Board members to contact him with any questions or comments. This item will appear on the October 15, 2012 meeting agenda for action.</p> <p><u>Purchase of Locally Grown Foods:</u> Mr. Roger Cote, Food Service Director, reported on the purchase of locally grown foods and indicated the he is purchasing from local farms</p>	<p>BUSINESS</p>

<p>as often as possible. He listed the farms he buys from and the items he is able to purchase locally.</p> <p>Mr. Cote said that he and Mrs. Laone plan to prepare a detailed report of the food service reserve account following the district's official audit and will then bring it to the Board in November.</p> <p><u>Review of Administrative Regulation 6115A:</u> Mr. Beitman explained that the revisions to this administrative regulation are the result of legislative changes regarding how excused and unexcused absences are defined. The Board's attorney recommended the revisions.</p> <p><u>Region 10 Board of Education Committee Assignments:</u> Mr. Sikora presented the list of committees and committee members and encouraged all members to contact the committee's chair if they are interested in serving on a particular committee. This item will appear on the October 15th agenda for approval.</p> <p><u>Board of Education Workshop:</u> Mr. Sikora asked the Board members to contact him with suggested topics for a fall workshop and he asked them forward their availability to facilitate scheduling.</p>	
<p><u>Committee Reports:</u> There were no committee reports.</p>	<p>COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Deprey and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8:50 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Respectfully submitted,



 Beth Duffy, Secretary

10/15/2012

 Date