

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 15, 2012
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THE LEARNING CENTER**

Board Members Present:

Susan Baccaro
Beth Duffy
Theresa Foley
Paul Omichinski
Phil Penn
Ted Scheidel
Elaine Schiavone
Ray Sikora, Chairman
Noel Turner

APPROVED

Absent:

Joseph Arcuri, Vice Chairman

Also Present:

Alan Beitman	Superintendent of Schools
Robert Choiniere	Interim Assistant Superintendent
Susan Laone	Director of Finance & Operations
Matthew DiSorbo	Student Representative

Chairman of the Board, Raymond Sikora, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Sikora introduced Mrs. Theresa Foley as the new Board of Education member and he presented a brief bio.	
<p><u>Student Representative Report:</u> Matt DiSorbo reported on the Lewis Mills Boys' and Girls' soccer team car wash fundraiser, the Lewis S. Mills High School marching band parade performances, Region 10 Math and Physics team competitions, and the Berkshire League Music Festival. Matt also reported that spirit week is going on all week and will culminate with a pep rally on Friday and the Home Coming Dance on Friday night.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Mr. Beitman reported that we are currently fully staffed. He indicated that there are some long-term subs in for staff members who are currently on leave. Enrollment: Mr. Beitman presented the October 1, 2012 enrollment numbers. Lake Garda School's enrollment declined slightly, Harwinton Consolidated School's enrollment increased slightly, Har-Bur-Middle School's enrollment declined, and Lewis Mills High School's enrollment declined. He also reported an Increase in enrollments in magnet schools.</p> <p>Based on a recommendation from Mr. Gedney, Principal Lake Garda School and Mr. John Deeb, Fine Arts Coordinator, Mr. Beitman requested that the Board increase the elementary music teacher's</p>	COMMUNICATIONS

<p>FTEs from .8 to 1.0 due to increased enrollment in the band program at Lake Garda School.</p>	
<p>Approval of the Board of Education Minutes: 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 September 10, 2012 as well as the minutes for the Special Board of Education Meeting of September 19, 2012. Six (6) in favor, none (0) opposed, two (2) abstentions due to absence. Motion carries. (6/0/2)</p> <p>Consent Agenda: A motion approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. Seven (7) in favor. None (0) opposed. One (1) abstained due to absence. Motion carries. (8/0/1)</p> <p>Consent Agenda Items Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Financial Report Dated September 2012 	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES & CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p>Approval of the Superintendent's Goals: Superintendent Alan Beitman presented his goals for the 2012-2013 school year. He said that his goals address major reforms taking place in the State of Connecticut. He said his goals have been shared with the staff and they will be posted on the website once they are approved. Mr. Beitman answered the Board's questions regarding his goals for the 2012-2013 school year.</p> <p>A motion to approve the superintendent's goals was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries (8/0/0)</p> <p>Approval of Region 10 Board of Education Committee Assignments: Mr. Sikora asked each committee chairperson to report on any committee changes. Mrs. Duffy recommended suspending the alternative learning committee. The administration and the Board of Education Members supported the recommendation. He reported two new committee members to the curriculum committee. There were no other changes to committees.</p> <p>A motion to approve the committees as amended was made by Mrs. Duffy. The motion was second by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>Har-Bur Middle School Quebec Field Trip: Mr. Smith and Mrs. Matthews presented a proposal for a 4-day/3-night trip to Quebec City to take place February 15-18, 2013. The trip will be offered to 8th grade French students at Har-Bur Middle School. He indicated that the trip would be organized through Smithsonian Student Travel, a subsidiary of EF Tours. He indicated the trip ties in with the Middle School curriculum in which they study French-speaking Canada. He reported that many historical sights would be visited. Mr. Smith,</p>	<p>BUSINESS</p>

<p>Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Rouleau answered the Board's questions and addressed concerns that were raised. This item will appear on the November 5, 2012 agenda for approval.</p> <p><u>Review Revisions to Policy #3460 Student Activity Accounts:</u> This agenda item will be placed on hold. The superintendent had hoped to hear from the attorney who is reviewing the policy revisions but he has not yet heard back. This item will appear on the November 7, 2012 agenda under the business section.</p> <p><u>Review of Revisions to Policy #4118.26 Suicide Prevention:</u> This agenda item will be placed on hold. The superintendent had hoped to hear from the attorney who is reviewing the policy revisions but he has not yet heard back. This item will appear on the November 7, 2012 agenda under the business section.</p> <p><u>Proposed Cultural Exchange Program LSM/China April 2014:</u> This is not a planned field trip it is being presented as an outline. At this time the world language department is looking for feedback. Mrs. Duffy spoke about her son's field trip to China that was offered by Region 10 many years ago and she shared that it was an extremely enriching experience. The Board presented their feedback.</p> <p><u>Review of Energy Conservation Program:</u> Mr. Dave Crompton, Energy Education Specialist, presented an update on Region 10's conservation efforts. He reported great success.</p> <p><u>Board of Education Workshop Topics:</u> The Board Members discussed several workshop topic options including Common Core State Standards and the newly created Teacher/Administrator Evaluation Plan (S.E.E.D). A final decision will be made in the coming week.</p>	
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9:26 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Duffy, Secretary

11/5/2012
Date