

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
November 5, 2012
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THE LEARNING CENTER**

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri, Vice Chairman
Susan Baccaro
Beth Duffy
Theresa Foley
Phil Penn
Ted Scheidel
Elaine Schiavone
Noel Turner

Absent:

Paul Omichinski
Ray Sikora, Chairman

Also Present:

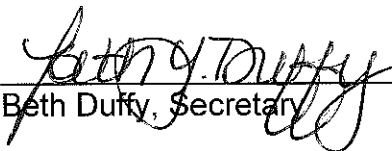
Alan Beitman Superintendent of Schools
Susan Laone Director of Finance & Operations
Matthew DiSorbo Student Representative

<p>Vice Chairman of the Board, Joseph Arcuri, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p><u>Staff Recognition:</u> Mr. Beitman and Mrs. Lazaroski recognized Mrs. Debra Greenier and Mrs. Killeen Leonard for their recent statewide recognition for educational excellence. Mr. Beitman and Mrs. Mazzei recognized Mrs. Phyllis Jones for receiving this year's CTAHPERD award for Professional Service.</p>	<p>STAFF RECOGNITION</p>
<p>Each year elected officials are invited to provide input as the budget seasons begins.</p> <p>Michael Criss, Town of Harwinton First Selectman, presented statistics regarding taxes and personal property. He reported on the Town of Harwinton's economic climate and assistance programs that are available to residents. He asked the Board of Education to hold the line during these difficult economic times. He commented that he would like to work together and look at the budget as a whole. He asked the Board to carefully consider the economic climate when developing the 2013-2014 estimate of expenses.</p> <p>Peter Thierry, Town of Harwinton Board of Finance, said the increases they have seen in the Harwinton's taxes have all been tied to Region 10. He said he would appreciate anything the Board could do to hold the line.</p>	<p>INVITED ELECTED OFFICIALS</p>

<p>Gerald Mullen - Town of Burlington Board of Finance, commented that the economy is not getting better and the bottom line is that there has been no growth and conversely there should be no increase in budgets. He asked that the Board make due with what they have.</p> <p>Mark DiOrio, Town of Burlington Board of Finance, said that the Town of Burlington is not getting the grants they had in the past and the town is being asked to contribute more to programs and services. He indicated that the school makes up 75% of the town's budget.</p>	
<p>Superintendent's Report: Mr. Beitman shared a letter with the Board of Education members from Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council (PACTAC) requesting that a member be appointed to serve on the advisory council so that they may provide ideas and information specific to the accomplishments of our educational community. Mr. Beitman indicated that Mrs. Jeanne Doerr served on the council in the past and that we currently do not have a representative.</p> <p>Possible Make-Up Days: Mr. Beitman introduced a proposal that the professional development day that was scheduled for February 19, 2013 be replaced with a regular school day and that a professional development day be scheduled at the end of the school year. As the professional development day is going to be devoted to reviewing and implementing the new teacher evaluation plan, this would provide key staff members with additional time to prepare the materials and plan the day's workshops.</p> <p>Student Representative Report: Matt DiSorbo reported on the boys' and girls' soccer team's Berkshire League wins, the cross country team's successes, the home coming dance, Lewis Mills 2012 College Fair, Senior Halloween, and the upcoming Veteran's Day Assembly.</p>	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p>
<p>Approval of the Board of Education Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 5, 2012. Six in favor, none opposed, one (1) abstained due to absence from the meeting. Motion carries. (6/0/1)</p> <p>Consent Agenda Items Included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the Financial Report Dated October 2012 <p>A motion to approve the financial report dated October 2012 was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mrs. Turner. All in favor none opposed. (7/0/0). Motion carries.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES & CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p>Approval of Har-Bur Middle School Quebec Field Trip Proposal: Mr. Beitman indicated that this is a follow up from the last meeting. He presented a revised itinerary prepared by Mrs. Matthews, Har-Bur's French teacher.</p>	<p>ACTION</p>

<p>A motion to approve Har-Bur Middle School's field trip to Quebec, Canada was made by Mrs. Duffy and was second by Mrs. Turner. All in favor none opposed. (7/0/0). Motion carries.</p>	
<p>Review of Revisions to Policy #4118.26 Suicide Prevention: The Board's attorney reviewed the revisions to this policy. It is cross-referenced to appear in both the student and personnel sections of the policy book. Mrs. Arcuri suggested a slight change to the policy that would indicate that programs have already been put into place. Mr. Beitman said he would review a possible change with the Board's attorney. This item will appear on the December 10th Board agenda for approval.</p> <p>Review of Lewis S. Mills High School Course Credit Changes: Mrs. Lazaroski reviewed the changes to the State's graduation credit requirements. She reminded the Board that legislation was passed at the State level increasing the number of credits required to graduate. She reminded the Board of her original recommendation to adjust the graduation credit requirements for the Class of 2017 from 23 credits to 24 and for the Class of 2018 from 24 credits to 25. Following additional research it was decided to request that the Board act on the changes to credit requirements for the Class of 2017 and the Class of 2018 in order to be in line with what is going on at the state level. She indicated that Connecticut educators are proceeding with changing the requirements and Lewis Mills staff members are working on how the programs will be changed to meet the new requirements.</p>	<p>BUSINESS</p>
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8:32 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Duffy, Secretary

12/10/2012

Date