

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
February 25, 2013  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
LEWIS MILLS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**Board Members Present:**

Joseph Arcuri, Vice Chairman  
Beth Duffy  
Theresa Foley  
Paul Omichinski  
Phil Penn  
Ted Scheidel  
Ray Sikora, Chairman  
Noel Turner

**APPROVED**

**Absent:**

Susan Baccaro  
Elaine Schiavone

**Also Present:**


Alan Beitman                    Superintendent of Schools  
Robert Choiniere            Director of Student Learning  
Susan Laone                    Director of Finance & Operations  
Katie Hurlock                 Student Representative  
Matthew DiSorbo             Student Representative

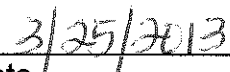
<p>Chairman of the Board, Raymond Sikora, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>
<p><b><u>Student Representative Report:</u></b> Miss Katie Hurlock reported on mid-term exams, the Math Team competition in New Milford, CAPT testing and the NFLHS Cultural Extravaganza. Mr. Matt DiSorbo reported on Mill's Got Talent, the Poetry Out Loud competition, the LSM Winter Band Concert and the Make A Mark Chess Tournament.</p> <p><b><u>Superintendent's Report:</u></b> Mr. Beitman introduced the 2013-2014 Estimate of Expenses. He reported that it is both fiscally responsible and educationally sound. The total superintendent's recommended Estimate of Expenses for 2013-2014 school year is \$35,847,005. It is an increase of \$305,973 or .86% over the approved 2012-2013 school year. It represents a reduction of 1.58% over last year's approved estimate of expenses without "new" funds. Mr. Beitman outlined the proposed "new" funding items as follows: 4.5 FTE Security personnel - \$125,000 BOE Football contribution – \$2,500 Establish the Arthur Covey Mural Education Center at HCS - \$1,000 Technical Education lathe - \$1,000 Unified Sports – consider making a varsity sport – possible federal funding COLT World Language Grades 3-4 - \$500</p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b></p>

<p>LSM Academic Bowl - \$600  Grade 5 2.0 FTE Teachers – achieved through internal transfers  Grade 5 .3 FTE World Language - \$16,000  LSM Marching Band - \$6,000  1.0 FTE Reading Teacher for Har-Bur Middle School - \$60,000  All “new” funds total \$212,600 and represent an additional .6% increase. If all “new” funds were approved the total budget increase would be 1.46% over last year. Mr. Beitman explained that all “new” funds are subject to review.</p> <p>Mr. Beitman went on to explain that some initiatives would be paid for through the use of surplus funds from the 2011-2012 school year. Those initiatives are:  Security communications upgrades - \$25,000  Security infrastructure upgrades - \$25,000  Policy and procedures updates  Lake Garda School fire alarm replacement - \$80,000  Lake Garda School and Har-Bur Middle School public address system - \$25,000  HCS &amp; LSM School public address system upgrade - \$35,000  HCS student bathroom renovations (2014) - \$60,000  Mandated teacher and administrator (SEED) evaluation expenses - \$50,000.</p> <p>The items to be funded through the surplus funds from the 2011-2012 school year total \$300,000.</p> <p>Mr. Beitman then detailed the Arthur Covey Mural Education Center proposal, planning assumptions, efficiencies and savings, costs associated with education reform, projected enrollment, history of employment reductions, reductions take from the base of the 2012-2013 Estimate of Expenses, graduation and SAT test score comparisons, unfunded mandates and budgetary issues to monitor.</p>	
<p>Michael Kosauszek of Burlington asked if a decision has been made as to whether or not the school security guards will be armed. Mr. Beitman reported that the Board looked into the possibility and learned that if the district allows non-police personnel to carry a firearm the district would lose their liability insurance.</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p>
<p>A brief recess was observed so the copies of the 2013-2014 Estimate of Expenses could be distributed.</p>	<p><b>BRIEF RECESS</b></p>
<p><b>Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:</b>  A <b>motion</b> was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy to approve the amended minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 14, 2013. Six (6) in favor, none opposed, one (1) abstained due to absence from the meeting. Motion carries. (6/0/1)</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve the consent agenda was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mrs. Foley. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><b>Consent Agenda Items Included:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the Financial Report Dated October 2012</li> <li>• Resignation of Alicia Earnesty and retirements of Mary</li> </ul>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES &amp; CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>

Thompson, Anne Jones, Megan Kozak and Louise Fiengo.	
<p><b>Approval of Recommended New Lewis Mills High School Textbooks and Course:</b>  Mr. Choiniere recommended approval of the new Economics, Sociology, and Psychology textbooks and the new STEM Applications course as proposed and reviewed at the Regularly Scheduled January 14, 2013 Board of Education Meeting.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve the new Economics, Sociology, and Psychology textbooks and the new STEM Applications course for Lewis S. Mills High School was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Turner. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><b>Additional Estimate of Expenses Workshop Dates:</b>  Mr. Sikora asked for Board member's input with regard to scheduling additional budget workshops. The additional workshops are being considered because of the weather-related cancellation of the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. A discussion was held regarding possible dates. Mr. Sikora asked that Board members to email him or the superintendent with their preferences. A final schedule will be issued in the coming days.</p>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>Review of 2015-2016 School Calendar:</b>  Mr. Beitman presented the proposed 2015-2012 school year calendar that was developed by the Region 10 Calendar Committee. This item will appear on the March 11, 2013 Board of Education agenda.</p>	<b>BUSINESS</b>
<p><b>Facilities Committee</b> – Mr. Omichinski reported that a meeting was held on January 17, 2013. Items discussed included security, safety and health issues to be considered in the budget process. In addition, the committee discussed the status of the solar panel project and short and long-term athletic field use resolution plan.</p>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
<p>A <b>motion</b> 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 8:32 pm.</p>	<b>ADJOURN</b>

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Beth Duffy, Secretary

  
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