

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
April 8, 2013
REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THE LEARNING CENTER**

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri, Vice Chairman
Susan Baccaro
Theresa Foley
Paul Omichinski
Ted Scheidel
Elaine Schiavone
Ray Sikora, Chairman

Absent:

Beth Duffy
Phil Penn
Noel Turner

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

Chairman of the Board, Raymond Sikora, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	CALL TO ORDER
<p>Mr. Alan Beitman and Mrs. Megan Mazzei recognized and thanked Mrs. Claudia Fuessenich, teaching assistant, for coming to the aid of two students on two separate occasions as they were choking and she performed the Heimlich maneuver. The Board also presented Claudia with a gift.</p> <p>Mr. Beitman and Mrs. Tiffany McNerny, Grade 4 teacher Harwinton Consolidated School, recognized student Ben Flower for winning this year's Connecticut Writing Project contest which is a statewide writing competition. Ben's work will be published in the Connecticut Writers Magazine. The Board also presented Ben with a gift.</p>	RECOGNITION
<p><u>Student Representative Report:</u> Mr. Matt DiSorbo reported on the spring athlete meeting, the recent Lewis S. Mills High School Physics Club competition, the Math Team competition and he also reported that the LSM Drama Club will be presenting the play "Brigadoon" on April 26th & 27th. Miss Katie Hurlock reported on the Glow in the Dark dance, Girls State and Boys State Mock Government competitions that will be taking place this Sunday.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Mr. Beitman updated the Board on the pending legislation regarding magnet school tuitions and indicated that since it looks like the State will be using the recommended sliding scale, it is good that the Board</p>	COMMUNICATIONS

<p>did not approve the additional \$50,000 in the estimate of expenses for magnet school tuitions.</p> <p>He went on to say that he is meeting with Mrs. Mazzei and Mr. Gedney and they are evaluating the 2013-2014 enrollment at Harwinton Consolidated School and Lake Garda School and he will have a recommendation regarding whether or not to add a teacher back to grade 3 at HCS and grade 4 at Lake Garda by the May meeting.</p>	
<p>Approval of the Board of Education Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski to approve the minutes for the March 11, 2013 Regular Board of Education Meeting, the March 11, 2013 Special Meeting and the March 25, 2013 Budget Workshop. All (6) in favor none oppose. Motion carries. (6/0/0)</p> <p>Consent Agenda Items Included: A motion to approve the financial report dated March 2013 was made by Mr. Omichinski and was seconded by Mrs. Baccaro. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (6/0/0)</p> <p>A motion to approve a one-year leave of absence for Mr. Larry Sidney was made by Ms. Schiavone and was seconded by Mrs. Foley. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (6/0/0)</p> <p>A motion to approve the resignation of Mr. Xie Xian, Chinese teacher, was made by Mrs. Baccaro and was seconded by Mrs. Foley. All in favor none opposed. (6/0/0)</p> <p>A motion to approve the non-renewal for budgetary purposes of Amanda Atwood, Doreen O'Sullivan, Lauren Corey, Kristyn Treggor-Horstman, Heather Rayner, Barbara Grandchamp, Jesse Darcy, Ashley Griffo, Stephanie Bufano, Tina Vermiglio, Jill Vannini, Kathryn Tewksbury, Catherine McIntire, Todd Adams, Linda Flynn was made by Mrs. Foley and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (6/0/0)</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES & CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>
<p>Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Board of Education for Regional School District #10 and The Regional Education Association District #10: Mrs. Susan Laone, Director of Finance, presented a summary of changes to the teacher contract for 2013-2016 which included information on changes to sick day bank, leaves of absence, salaries, working conditions, medical coverage, compensation, and just cause.</p> <p>Mr. Scheidel expressed dissatisfaction with the 2.99% increase for each year of the three years of the contract. Board members, the superintendent, and the Director of Finance and the Union President explained the salary schedule.</p> <p>He indicated he has an issue with the school library media specialists making earning the salary that they are. Mrs. Schiavone commented</p>	<p>ACTION</p>

the library media specialists are certified teachers and do much more than check out books.

A **motion** to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education for Regional School District #10 and the Regional Education Association District #10 for the years 2013-2016 was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mrs. Baccaro. Five (5) in favor one (1) opposed (Mr. Scheidel). Motion carries. (5/1/0)

Approval of the 2013-2014 Board of Education Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Beitman presented the newly developed 2013-2014 Board of Education meeting schedule.

A **motion** to approve the 2013-2014 Board of Education Meeting Schedule as presented was made by Mrs. Foley and was seconded by Mrs. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (6/0/0)

Approval of Spain Exchange/Trip Program:

Mrs. Beth Lapman, World Language Coordinator, presented the proposed Lewis S. Mills High School exchange program with Spain for September 2013 – February 2014. She explained this will be the 5th year Lewis Mills is participated in the exchange program. Board members asked questions with regard to student interest, cost, and scheduled sight seeing and Mrs. Lapman fully addressed each quesiton. Mr. Omichinski asked that when these types of programs are presented in the future that a cost breakdown be presented as well.

A **motion** to approve the Lewis S. Mills High School Spain exchange program was made by Mrs. Foley and was seconded by Mrs. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (6/0/0)

Review of Proposed Har-Bur Middle School Field Trip to Quebec City:

Mr. Peter Bogen and Mrs. Mary Brown presented the Har-Bur Middle School Field Trip to Quebec City. They indicated that the only change from last year's trip is to the sight seeing schedule. They also presented student feedback. They idicated the students were very good ambassadors for our school district.

A **motion** to approve the February 2014 Har-Bur Middle School Field Trip to Quebec City was made by Mrs. Baccaro and was seconded by Mrs. Foley. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (6/0/0)

Review of new Teacher/Administrator Mandated Evaluation Plan:

Mr. Beitman presented the new teacher and administrator evaluation plan. He said it will be distributed to teachers in the coming days. Mr. Beitman indicated they plan to send the plan to the State by the deadline of May 3rd and once the State approves it, he they will bring it back to the Board for approval. The State's review will hopefully be completed by June and returned in time for the June 8th meeting. If not, a special meeting will need to be scheduled for the Board to approve it. Mr. Beitman said that he feels this plan is supportive of teachers and

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administrators and is tied to scientific research. Mr. Sikora requested that if any changes are made once it has been presented to the staff and State, that the changes be noted for the Board's review.	
Curriculum Committee Report: Mr. Raymond Sikora reported the curriculum committee met and the Common Core State Standards were reviewed and discussed and the committee found the presentation to be very enlightening.	COMMITTEE REPORTS
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Schiavone and was seconded by Mrs. Baccaro. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (6/0/0) The meeting ended at 8:20 pm.	ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,



 Beth Duffy, Secretary

5/13/2013

 Date