

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

**Board Members Present:**

Joseph Arcuri, Vice Chairman  
Susan Baccaro  
Beth Duffy  
Theresa Foley  
Ted Scheidel  
Elaine Schiavone  
Ray Sikora, Chairman

**Absent:**

Paul Omichinski  
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

<p>Chairman of the Board, Raymond Sikora, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:04 pm and introduced the newly elected Board of Education member, Thomas Fausel, presented a short bio and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
<p>The Board of Education recognized and thanked each of the retiring teachers by presenting them with a proclamation and thanking them for their years of dedicated service to Region 10.</p> <p>The Board of Education recognized and thanked Elaine Schiavone for her years of services to the Region 10 Board of Education and the communities of Harwinton and Burlington.</p> <p>The Board of Education recognized and thanked Matt DiSorbo for his years of service as a student representative to the Region 10 Board of Education.</p> <p>The Board of Education recognized and thanked Patricia McGlynn for her many years of dedicated service as the R.E.A.D. President.</p>	<b>RECOGNITIONS</b>
<p><b><u>FBLA National Competition Recognition &amp; Presentation:</u></b> Mrs. Angelicola-Manzoli, FBLA Advisor, presented the state award-winning students who will be competing in the National FBLA competition in California. She also played one of the award winning video presentations.</p>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>

<p><b><u>Recognition of the Winner of the “Write On” Competition:</u></b>  Mr. Beitman, Mrs. Lazaroski and Mrs. Tania McNaboe, English Teacher, introduced Alyssa Slotnick and congratulated her on winning the Hartford Stage Competition, “Write On”. Alyssa entered a script idea into the competition at the Hartford Stage. As the winner she had the opportunity to work with members of the Hartford Stage to turn it into a production.</p> <p><b><u>Student Representative Report:</u></b>  Miss Hurlock reported on the LSM honors night, eighth grade orientation, NHS induction, NFLHS induction. Mr. DiSorbo reported on the LSM marching band performances, Make a Mark’s Johnnycake Mountain Music Festival, spring athletic awards, final exams and the Class of 2013 graduation.</p> <p><b><u>Superintendent’s Report:</u></b>  Mr. Beitman introduced Gene Torrence, Region 10’s School Resource Officer, who has been in the district for six months now. He thanked the first selectman and the Board for their support of the School Resource Officer Program. He reported that Officer Torrence, is proving to be invaluable and the program is running very smoothly.</p> <p>Mr. Beitman reported that the State Police have authorized the implementation of satellite offices at Lake Garda School and Harwinton Consolidated School as a place for troopers to complete paperwork and also so that they may be more visible to staff, students, parents and visitors.</p> <p>Mr. Beitman presented an enrollment report and indicated that the enrollment is up by 18 at the elementary schools.</p>	
<p><b><u>Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:</u></b>  A <b>motion</b> was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mrs. Baccaro to approve the minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 13, 2013. All in favor, one abstained due to absence from the meeting. Motion carries. (7/0/1)</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve the financial report dated May 2013 was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mrs. Baccaro. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p>Mr. Beitman introduced Mrs. Silvia Ouellette as the finalist for the position of assistant principal to Lewis S. Mills High School. Mrs. Ouellette thanked the search committee, the Board and the administration.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve the appointment of Mrs. Silvia Ouellette as the assistant principal of Lewis S. Mills High School was made by Mrs. Foley and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES &amp; CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p>There was no public participation.</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC</b></p>

	PARTICIPATION
<p><b><u>Approval of December 2013 LSM Girls Basketball Team Trip to the KSA Tournament:</u></b>  The Board had a brief discussion regarding student interest.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve the December 2013 Lewis Mills Girls' Basketball Team Trip to the KSA Tournament was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mrs. Foley. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><b><u>Approval of Cancellation of July 8, 2013 Board of Education Meeting:</u></b>  Mr. Beitman recommended cancelling the July BOE meeting due to a lack of business.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve the cancellation of the July 8, 2013 Board of Education meeting was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><b><u>Approval to Increase the School Lunch Prices Effective for the Start of the 2013-2014 School Year:</u></b>  Mr. Beitman reported that school lunch prices have not increased since 2002 even though the price of food and fuel has gone up significantly and fresh fruit and vegetable requirements have been implemented by the State. He also indicated that the school nutrition consultant recommended that we participate in the State's Healthy Food Program.</p> <p>The Board held a detailed discussion on the price of school lunches and the participation in the State of Connecticut's Healthy Food Program.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve an increase in the cost of a school lunch by .25 at the elementary schools and .50 at the middle school and high school was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><b><u>Approval of Connecticut Healthy Food Certification:</u></b>  A <b>motion</b> to approve Region 10's participation in the State of Connecticut's Healthy Food Program was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p><b><u>Approval of Unified Sports as a Varsity Sport:</u></b>  Mr. Beitman recommended the approval of Unified Sports as a varsity sport. He indicated that it is funded through federal grants. Ms. Carabis provided information and indicated this would allow athletes to participate in banquets and earn letters. She said it allows children who would not typically qualify for an athletic team to participate on a team.</p> <p>A <b>motion</b> to approve Unified Sports be recognized as a Varsity Sport</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b></p>

was made by Ms. Schiavone and was seconded by Mr. Arcuri. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)

**Review and Possible Approval of Appointment of Pullman & Comley as RSD 10's Board Attorneys:**

Mr. Beitman indicated that our current attorneys joined another firm, Pullman & Comley and he recommended the appointment of Pullman & Comley to represent the Region 10 Board of Education. He encouraged the Board to evaluate and investigate the possibility of utilizing another legal firm but for the time being that the Board approve Pullman & Comley as to not be without legal representation.

A **motion** to retain the services of Pullman & Comley through December 31, 2013 with the possibility of extending the contract to June 30, 2014 and that Region 10 publicize the request for proposals from law firms to represent Region 10 by September 14, 2013 was made by Mr. Scheidel and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)

**Approval of Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plans:**

Mr. Beitman indicated that he believes that this is a very solid evaluation plan for the teachers. He reported that this year's teacher professional development dates will be devoted to the implementation of the new evaluation plan. He said they will share recommendations for changes next year and this plan is a modifiable plan and will change from year to year. He recommended the Board approve the new evaluation plan.

A **motion** to approve the Teacher/Administrator Evaluation Plan was made by Mr. Scheidel and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)

**Approval of New Course, Elementary Golf: P.E. 2 Tee:**

Mr. Beitman indicated that funds became available to Region 10 and the there was a great deal of student interest, therefore, he is recommending the approval of the new course, Elementary Golf P.E. 2 Tee.

A **motion** to approve the new course, Elementary Golf: P.E. 2 Tee, was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)


**Review of Spring Athletic Fields:**

Mr. Fortin, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, reported that the spring sports were easy on the fields. He indicated that closing the field hockey field really helped improve its condition. The field hockey field was renovated this spring and this fall they will complete work on the varsity soccer field. He reported that having the help and support of the two towns with the field work was very beneficial.

**BUSINESS**

<p><b><u>Review of Revisions to Policy #5200 Yearbook:</u></b></p> <p>This item will appear on the August 19, 2013 agenda under action.</p> <p><b><u>Approval of Revisions to Student Death &amp; Yearbook Policy:</u></b>  Mrs. Lazaroski indicated that she worked with one of the Board's attorneys to revise this policy to include an option for the family of a student who passes away, for the student to be recognized in either the year the student passed away or the year the student would have graduated.</p> <p>This item will appear on the August 19, 2013 agenda under action.</p> <p><b><u>Deletion of policy #6146.3 Early Graduation:</u></b>  Mrs. Lazaroski indicated that because of the increasing credit requirements that the Board approved upon the recommendation of the administration in order to be in line with new national standards that they no longer have an early graduation option because students will not be able to earn enough credits or have the proper sequence of course work. The Board asked questions about possibly delaying the deletion of the policy and Mrs. Lazaroski provided details.</p>	
<p><b>Curriculum Committee Report -</b>  Mrs. Foley reported that Ms. Lapman explained the world language program and committee members asked about additional offerings. As it stands there is an extensive program which starts in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and there are numerous options for students.</p>	<p><b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b></p>
<p>A <b>motion</b> to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Schiavone and was seconded by Mr. Scheidel. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (7/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 10:05 pm.</p>	<p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>

Respectfully submitted,

  
Beth Duffy, Secretary

9/9/2013  
Date