

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**THE LEARNING CENTER**  
**24 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013**  
Monday, December 9, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Joseph Arcuri  
Susan Baccaro  
Beth Duffy  
Thomas Fausel  
Theresa Foley  
Paul Omichinski  
Phillip Penn  
Ted Scheidel  
Brooke Joiner  
Bruce Guillemette

**Board Members Absent:** n/a

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman, Superintendent  
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations  
Katie Hurlock, Student Representative  
Eric Uhl, Student Representative  
Patricia George, Recording Secretary

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Joseph Arcuri called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Election of Officers:**

A **motion** to nominate Mr. Arcuri for the position of Board Chairman was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Ms. Foley; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** to nominate Mr. Penn for the position of Board Vice Chairman was made by Ms. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Fausel; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** to nominate Ms. Foley for the position of Board Secretary was made by Ms. Baccaro and was seconded by Ms. Duffy; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** to nominate Mr. Scheidel for the position of Board Treasurer was made by Ms. Foley and was seconded by Mr. Penn; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

**Special Recognition:**

Superintendent Beitman and newly appointed Board Chairman Joe Arcuri acknowledged departing Board members, Ray Sikora and Noel Turner for their years of service on the Board. (Ms. Turner was not able to attend the meeting)

Mr. Sikora shared a few departing words and was presented with a gift.

**Invited Guests:**

Traditionally, November would be the month that elected officials from the two towns would be invited to the meeting of the Board of Education, but due to the timing of the November 4<sup>th</sup> elections, it made sense to wait until the December Board of Education meeting when those elections had occurred.

The purpose of the invitation is to have the elected officials share their budgetary concerns; information that would be helpful to the district in the formulation of the Estimate of Expenses for the 2014/2015 school year.

First Selectman Michael Criss of Harwinton and First Selectman Ted Shafer of Burlington expressed some of the challenges that their respective towns would be faced with during the 2014/2015 year.

II. Communications:

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Beitman noted that revisions were made to the Lewis S. Mills Bus Conduct policy. The policy allows for high school students to ride middle school buses. He was pleased to report, that during the initial implementation of the policy, things were going very well.

Today marked the first delayed opening of the school year due to inclement weather. He spoke very highly of the road crews.

Superintendent Beitman publicly thanked all of those who participated in making the first ever Spartan's Thanksgiving Day home football game the success that it was.

B. Student Representatives' Reports

Student Representative Katie Hurlock's report included information on the National Honor Society winter inductions, the upcoming "Think Fest" for students in grades k-5, and the Annual Holiday Band Concert, which had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather.

Student Representative Eric Uhl reported on the Rock Pop Ensemble Concert and Freshman Orientation for grade eight students, which is scheduled for the beginning of January.

~ Brief Recess ~

- IV. Approval of Board of Education Minutes for:
- A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, November 4, 2013
  - B. Transportation Hearing dated Monday, November 25, 2013
  - C. Special Meeting of the Board of Education (A) dated November 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
  - D. Special Meeting of the Board of Education (B) dated November 6, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.
  - E. Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, November 25, 2013

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phil Penn to accept/approve the minutes of the Board of Education, items A through E as presented; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

- V. Consent Agenda:
- A. Approval of the Financial Report dated November 2013
  - B. Appointments: n/a
  - C. Leaves of Absence:  
Superintendent Beitman pointed out that the two leaves of absence were for maternity reasons.
  - D. Resignations:  
David Tanner, who served as the district's Athletic Coordinator for the last ten years, has resigned to take an Assistant Principal position at EO Smith School. "A loss for Region 10", Superintendent Beitman said.

A search is currently underway for his replacement. Hopes are to have a finalist named and brought forward to the Board of Education at the February or March Board of Education meeting.

- E. Retirements: n/a

On a motion made by Phil Penn and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the Consent Agenda as presented; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Participation: n/a

VII. Actions:

A. Mathematics Program – Pre-k to 12 update: Staff members Alyce Barlowski and Brennan Gasglow

To begin the discussions, Ms. Barlowski provided members of the Board and audience an example of a fourth grade subtraction test problem under the Smarter Balance consortium.

A synopsis of the discussion included the following points:

The tests are more personalized.

Teachers cannot “teach to the test” as with the CMT test.

They are currently in the process of gathering information by networking and attending workshops.

Much more of the applied approach – you can take a base of knowledge and apply it.

Superintendent Beitman said, “Couple this with the new teacher and administrator evaluation plan and the landscape of education, not only in Connecticut, but across the nation, has changed 360 degrees; there has not been any opportunity to phase anything in, it’s been from zero to sixty.”

B. Board of Education Committee Members:  
Newly appointed Board members were asked if they had an interest on serving on any of the committees.

It was suggested that Ms. Brooke Joiner and Mr. Bruce Guillemette speak with current members to get a feel of the committee responsibilities.

VIII. Business

A. Burlington Fire Department Land Lease

Discussions ensued regarding the Fire House expansion project that is adjacent to Lake Garda School. Early in the conversations, Superintendent Beitman noted that Regional School Districts own their property as opposed to municipal school districts; that property belongs to the municipality. The district does not sell a property where both communities share in the investment.

The expansion project calls for additional parking spaces on a track of land that would not be used by Region 10. The fire house commission would like to develop a lease with the Board of Education so they can utilize the land in

order to provide additional parking. Superintendent Beitman said the district is prepared with the Board's attorney and the town's attorney to develop a lease that would be favorable to them and yet fair to the citizens of Harwinton in preserving the property rights of the region.

The plan also calls for a potential communication tower. What is being asked of Region 10 is approximately 4/10s of an acre to the rear of the existing fire house on Mounce Road.

Mr. Paul Omichinski suggested that the attorneys move forward. He also noted that there may be an issue with the communication tower and its proximity to the school. He was never aware of a communication tower, only parking.

Plans are to have a draft or formal proposal for the January Board meeting.

IX. Committee Reports:

A. Facilities: P. Omichinski

Mr. Omichinski noted that the committee met and formed a building committee, which has moved forward on the Exterior Athletic Renovation plan. The public hearing is scheduled for the following evening, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

B. Curriculum Council: n/a

C. CREC: B. Duffy

Capitol Region Education Council

Ms. Duffy noted that what was currently being explored is a common regional school calendar which would incorporate a common start date, holiday vacation, and spring break.

X. Next Meeting:

Several upcoming meetings were noted:

Public Hearing followed by a Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Tuesday, December 10, 2013

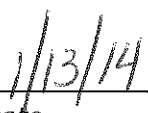
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, January 13, 2014

XI. Adjourn

On a motion made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Sue Baccaro to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 9:40 p.m.; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Theresa Foley, Secretary

  
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