

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Board of Education Meeting
The Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, May 12, 2014
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri, Chairman
Phillip Penn – Vice Chairman
Beth Duffy
Theresa Foley
Paul Omichinski
Tom Fausel
Brooke Joiner
Bruce Guillemette
Susan Baccaro
Ellie Parente

Absent: n/a

Also Present:

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

- I. Call to Order:
Board Chairman Joseph Arcuri called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Mr. Arcuri led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Communications:
 - A. Student Representatives' Reports
Katie Hurlock reported on the culmination of the spring sports season, the Annual Scholar's Breakfast, AP testing, and Honor's Night.

Eric Uhl provided information on the Spring Studio Space Concert, class officer elections, and the Junior/Senior Prom which was held at the Cornucopia in Torrington.

B. Superintendent's Report

With the failure of the first referendum, Superintendent Beitman proposed that a special meeting be scheduled for Thursday, May 15th to establish a revised Estimate of Expenses for 2014/2015. He also proposed that as agenda items, Tuesday, May 27th be determined as the annual meeting date and May 28th as the date of the second referendum.

It was recommended by Paul Omichinski that Superintendent Beitman be requested to create a budget under 2% while protecting the curriculum related items as suggested by Phil Penn. The revised budget would be brought before the Board for discussion/approval at the May 15th meeting.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On a motion made by Phil Penn and seconded by Sue Baccaro to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated April 2014

On a motion made by Phil Penn and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the Financial Reports for April 2014 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Appointments: n/a

C. Leaves of Absence: Kristen Michalski

D. Resignation: Andrea Wells

E. Retirements: Cynthia Adajian and Cynthia Stevens

On a motion made by Theresa Foley and seconded by Sue Baccaro to accept/approve items C, D and E as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Participation: None

VII. Actions

A. Appointment of Auditor

Business Manager Sue Laone recommended that the district remain with the existing auditing firm of Mahoney Sabol & Company, LLP. She explained that the firm has been with the district for several years without incident.

On a motion made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Ellie Parente to accept/approve the auditing firm of Mahoney Sabol & Company, LLP; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Bermuda Field Trip April 2015

On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Phil Penn to accept/approve the Bermuda field trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

- C. Quebec Field Trip February 2015
On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Sue Baccaro to accept/approve the Quebec field trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- D. Surplus for Fiscal Year Ended 2012/2013
Ms. Laone's memo dated May 12, 2014 notes the final audit for the 2012/2013 year indicates an ending operating surplus of \$66,886 in the General Fund. Ms. Laone recommended to the Board that they vote to refund the towns \$59,976 (Burlington \$39,458 and Harwinton \$20,518). The difference of \$6,910 (\$66,886 - \$59,976) would be used to make up the shortfall in the state transportation grant.
On a motion made by Phil Penn and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the refunds as presented in her memo; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- E. Curriculum Council Chair
In looking at the Board committees, Joe Arcuri indicated that there is one committee that is not chaired by a board member. A motion was made by Beth Duffy to nominate co-chairs of the committee, Theresa Foley and Sue Baccaro; seconded by Brooke Joiner; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Business:

- A. Writing Program K-6/Math Program K-2
As a result of Common Core curriculum development, the district was challenged to review, revise and upgrade curricular content. Reading, writing, and math philosophies that were based in researched were established. These philosophies, developed by a core group of language arts and math staff, were shared with teachers, administrators and the district curriculum committee. They subsequently guided the district's most recent professional development training and the proposed programs in writing and math.


Both proposed programs (Being A Writer and Bridges) meet the following criteria: fidelity of instruction, embedded formative assessments which will assist with student improvement and teacher evaluation, and sustainability. Professional development for teacher will be provided during the district's in-service days, on-line components, and building based sessions throughout the year.

Mr. Choinere felt confident that this was a good start, as the district will continue to look at curriculum over the next 2 or 3 years. It is expected that they will learn more about the Smarter Balance Assessment, develop feedback based on that new assessment in terms of what needs to be done to improve teaching in the classroom, the content instruction, and the resources.


- IX. Committee Reports:
Tom Fausel provided an update on the newly implemented Youth and Community Development Award. He asked for four volunteers to review the nominations and establish a timeline for presenting them to the awardees.
- X. Upcoming Meetings:

Board members were reminded of several upcoming meetings including a Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Center.
- XI. Adjourn
On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Phil Penn to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:15 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa Foley, Secretary



Date