

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Board of Education Meeting  
**The Learning Center**  
**26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013**  
Monday, June 9, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Paul Omichinski

**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 7:01 p.m.
- II. Mr. Arcuri led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Recognition of Retiring Staff Members/Teacher-of-the-Year:  
Superintendent Beitman, accompanied by the Board Chairman, acknowledged the district's retiring personnel; departing student representative, Katie Hurlock; and Teacher-of-the Year, Susan Geissler.

BRIEF RECESS 7:24 p.m. to 7:31 p.m.

- IV. Communications:
  - A. Student Representatives' Reports  
Katie's last report included information on NHS and NFLS inductions, prom, yearbook distribution, and graduation activities.

Eric reported on class elections, field day, public speaking finals, & final exams.

B. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Beitman reported on the successful culmination of end-of-year activities. He also apprised the Board that there did not appear to be any layoffs pending due to several last minute retirements. He concluded his report indicating that he would be meeting with contractors in the near future regarding the tennis court renovation.

V. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

A motion was made by Phil Penn and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated May 2014

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

B. Appointments: / C. Leaves of Absence: / D. Resignation:

A motion was made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the Appointment, Leaves of Absence, and Resignation as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

E. Retirements: n/a

VII. Public Participation:

Trevor Watts

Burlington

- Spoke about his experience playing football for Region 10
- Advocated for the football program
- Wished the best for the Spartan Program
- Hopes for more home games

Sean Gnitzcavich

Harwinton

- Echoed Trevor's sentiments
- Rallied for more home games

VIII. Actions

A. Teacher Support and Evaluation Document (Draft of May 22, 2014)

The document is not significantly different from the version that the Board approved in April. Ms. Stefanie Carbone and Ms. Maria Grappone outlined the changes.

A motion was made by Phil Penn and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approve the document as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Administrator's Evaluation Document

The Board is required to approve a plan yearly whether or not there were any changes.

A motion was made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Sue Baccaro to accept/approve the document as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. Bond Structure: no action

The district was provided an opportunity to refinance some bonds. Three options for refunding the callable bonds were provided by business manager, Susan Laone. Discussions ensued weighing the pros and cons to each scenario. No decision on the use of the funds was made; that will be decided on an annual basis when the new budgets are being crafted. No vote required. The consensus of the Board was to move ahead with a four year disbursement. Ms. Laone indicated that she would calculate the numbers.

D. Approval of Cancellation of July 7, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

The July meeting is generally reserved for appointments of administrators and/or special appointments. With no anticipated changes in administrative staff and the challenges of a establishing a quorum with summer vacation plans, Superintendent Beitman recommended that the meeting be cancelled.

On a motion made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approve cancelling the July 7, 2014 regular meeting of the Board of Education; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously

E. Cell Tower Variance - Region 10 Endorsement

The Board of Education entered into a lease agreement with the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department for a parcel of land adjacent to Lake Garda School. Superintendent Beitman had been apprised that the fire department will now be approaching the town for a variance in order to erect a cell phone tower, which will encompass that parcel of land. The Superintendent noted two important particulars; the cellphone tower is 120' tall, still shy of the playground in the event of an accident, and it is a self-collapsing tower. Additionally, it rests in a valley. The fire department has solicited the Board of Education requesting support to move ahead.

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

IX. Business:

A. Proposed Washington, D.C. Field Trip

Assistant Principal Peter Bogen and faculty member Tara Fischer presented the logistics of the proposed Washington, D.C. Field trip and answered questions from Board members. The proposal will be placed on the August/September Board meeting as an anticipated action item.

- X. Committee Reports:  
A. Board member Tom Fausel was pleased to report that one of two unsuspecting recipients had been presented with the newly created Youth and Community Development Award, with the second scheduled for the coming days.
- XI. Upcoming Meetings:  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, August 25, 2014
- XII. Adjourn  
On a motion made by Phil Penn and seconded by Beth Duffy to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:42 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Theresa Foley, Secretary

8.25.2014  
Date