

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, September 8, 2014
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Phil Penn – Vice Chairman
Paul Omichinski

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Linda Carabis, Director of Student Support Services
Robert Choiniere, Director of Student Learning
Eric Uhl, 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. Special Guests:

Superintendent Beitman presented Region 10's Teacher-of-the-Year, Susan Geisler, to the newly appointed teachers in the district.

The principals introduced new staff in their respective buildings and provided a brief profile on each.

BRIEF RECESS

7:23 p.m. to 7:29 p.m.

IV. Communications:

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Staffing Update

To date, 99.9% of the vacancies have been filled. One position remains open, a .6 Spanish teacher at Lake Garda School.

2. Enrollment Update

Last year enrollment was projected to be at 2,470 students at this point in time. As of last week, 2,484 students were enrolled, an increase of 14, with the greatest number of students at the elementary level. The district continues to receive magnet school applications.

Anticipated enrollment by October 1, 2014 is 2,575 students.

In the state of Connecticut, the October 1 enrollment figure is used to set grants and establish funding patterns.

3. Major Projects

The tennis courts are nearly completed. The completion goal is set for the last two weeks of September/the first few weeks of October.

Bathrooms at Harwinton Consolidated School are completed.

The oil monitoring system at the Lewis S. Mills complex has been replaced, along with the water softeners at Lake Garda School.

A number of security upgrades, including infrastructure work, have been completed.

Dual burners have been installed at Lake Garda School allowing the school to utilize natural gas or oil.

Solar project for Harwinton Consolidated School is currently in the design phase with most of the work scheduled for the spring.

4. Har-Bur Middle School Cafeteria Update

Due to concerns that were raised regarding the Har-Bur Middle School cafeteria, particularly the 5th grade lunch in terms of students having to clean up after themselves, Superintendent Beitman asked that Ken Smith, Principal of Har-Bur explain what system is currently in place to address the children's responsibilities during lunch.

Lunch was explained to be an "extension of the learning environment." Every part of the day is a learning opportunity and the

cafeteria is no exception. The focus is for students to clean their space and time is provided for that to occur.

B. Student Representative Report – Eric Uhl

Eric reported on the success of the first day of school, acknowledging the Link Leader's role in navigating freshman to their proper classrooms. He also shared information on Tavern Day, Senior Privileges, the Welcome Back dance scheduled for September 12th; and interim reports.

V. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

On a motion made by Sue Bacarro and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; Bruce Guillemette abstained; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated July/August 2014:

On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Sue Bacarro to accept/approve the Financial Reports as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Appointments:

On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Ellie Parente to accept/approve the appointments as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. Leaves of Absence: n/a

D. Resignations: n/a

E. Retirements: n/a

VII. Public Participation

Laura Hedenberg
Burlington

Ms. Hedenberg asked if there was a plan to bring back or introduce a Gifted and Talented program and, if not, are the teachers trained or provided the tools to differentiate those particular learners.

VIII. Actions

A. Approval of Superintendent's Goals for 2014/2015

On a motion made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Tom Fausel to accept/approve the Superintendent's goals as presented;

Discussion:

There are two sets of goals; primary goals; which are connected to the reform efforts of the state of Connecticut and should not change during the school year; and secondary goals, which are initiatives that have been started, are important to the district, and have established good practice, such as school safety and communications.

The focus is to adopt the goals with updates provided at both the January and June Board meetings.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of three year contract with CSEA (Teaching Paraprofessionals) for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017

Business Manager Sue Laone outlined the summary of the agreement.

On a motion made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Sue Baccaro to accept/approve the three year contract as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approval of Contract Extensions

1. Director of Finance

One year extension and salary increase of 2%

On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Sue Baccaro to accept/approve the contract extension and salary increase as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

2. Superintendent of Schools

One year extension and salary increase of 1.75%

On a motion made by Sue Baccaro and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the contract extension and salary increase as presented; one abstention by Theresa Foley; motion carried unanimously.

- D. Annual land lease renewal between the Board of Education and the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department

On a motion made by Ellie Parente and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approve the lease extension as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

IX. Business:

A. Presentation on determining Class Rank

An inquiry was made regarding how GPA plays a role in determining class rank. Pam Lazaroski, Principal of Lewis Mills and Erin Putnam, Head Counselor, provided an explanation along with a handout.

At this juncture, no recommendation was made to change the procedure that is currently in place.

Future discussions, if the Board opts to, would be to explore other options or preserve what is currently in place.

B. Policy – first review

Review Policy #5144 Restraint, Seclusion and the Use of Reasonable Physical Force and Administrative Regulations #5144A Procedures for the Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students Who Are “Persons at Risk”

The policy will be put before the Board in October as an anticipated action item.

X. Next Meetings:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Center.

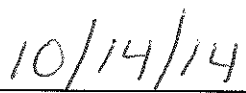
XI. Adjourn

On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the regular meeting of the board of education at 10:05 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa Foley, Secretary



Date