

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**Lewis S. Mills Auditorium**  
**24 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013**  
Monday, November 3, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Joseph Arcuri, Chairman  
Phil Penn – Vice Chairman (\*arrived 7:06 p.m.)  
Theresa Foley  
Beth Duffy  
Tom Fausel  
Brooke Joiner  
Bruce Guillemette  
Ellie Parente  
Paul Omichinski

**Absent:**

Susan Baccaro  
Student Representative Jenna Sadecki

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman, Superintendent  
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations  
Robert Choiniere, Director of Student Learning  
David Fortin, Director of Maintenance and Facilities  
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 7:02 p.m.
- II. Mr. Arcuri led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Communications:
  - A. Invited Guests:  
As part of the district's annual budget process, elected officials from Harwinton and Burlington are invited to address the Board. Both First Selectmen, Michael Criss and Ted Shafer, were present, as well as Board of Finance members. Each discussed the economic climate of their respective towns, anticipated projects, and housing starts.

\*(Phil Penn arrived 7:06 p.m.)

- B. Superintendent's Report:  
Superintendent Beitman provided a brief synopsis of current enrollment numbers, with magnet school enrollment representing the wild card. Those figures remain unknown to date.

He expected a larger decline than what was actually realized.

- C. Student Representative's Report:  
Eric Uhl's report included information on Homecoming, Senior Halloween, and the upcoming annual Veteran's Day assembly.

Congratulations were extended to both the field hockey and soccer teams for securing the Berkshire League Championship title.

BRIEF RECESS: 7:28 p.m. to 7:32 p.m.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

- A. On a motion made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and the special meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, October 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.;

Board Member Theresa Foley, who was not able to attend the regular meeting of the Board in October, but was present at the September meeting, indicated that there was information that she felt should be included in the September meeting minutes. That information, "By Connecticut State Law, we are supposed to be evaluating our superintendent annually."

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated September 2014:  
On a motion made by Phil Penn and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the financial reports as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Cheerleading funding update:  
At their October meeting, the Board approved an additional stipend for the cheerleading advisor and transportation for the team to attend a number of football games during the fall season.

A review of the athletic budget by Ms. Laone and Athletic Director, David Francalanga evidenced that those costs can be absorbed within the confines of the athletic budget.

In January/ February, Mr. Francalanga will be asked to present information on the value of the additional stipend and a recommendation on whether or not to move forward with it.

- C. Appointments:  
Superintendent Beitman brought forward two individuals who will serve Region 10 in the near future; Jillian Yantz will perform the duties of the Language Arts Coordinator for grades 5-12 replacing Gina Gadue and will begin her position on or about December 1, 2014.

On a motion made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approve the appointment of Jillian Yantz; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

The second appointment was that of Ms. Cheri Burke, who will replace Mr. Robert Choiniere as the Director of Student Learning. Ms. Burke, who was in the audience with several members of her family, was introduced to the Board. She spoke to the Board and noted that she was honored to be there and looking forward to getting to know the Region 10 community.

On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the appointment of Ms. Cheri Burke; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

- D. Leaves of Absence:  
On a motion made by Phil Penn and seconded by Tom Fausel to accept/approve the leave of absence as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

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

- F. Retirements: n/a

- VI. Public Participation:  
None

- VII. Actions:

- A. Reappointment of Jim and Gail Murdock/Wamogo Agricultural Education Advisory Committee:

On a motion made by Ellie Parente and seconded by Theresa Foley to accept/approve the reappointment of Jim and Gail Murdock to the Wamogo Agricultural Education Advisory Committee; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Policy #5152 Safe School Climate Plan/Bullying  
C. Policy #4118.25 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

Policies #5152 and #4118.25 are policy recommendations made by the Board's attorney, Susan Scott, and are based upon changes or recommendations from the state legislature. Both policies are a first

review with no action required at this point. Questions or concerns should be directed to the Superintendent.

With regards to policy #4118.25 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, Board member, Theresa Foley inquired if training would be provided for mandated reporters. Superintendent Beitman responded that those efforts are a combination of building administrators, the office of Student Support Services, school social workers and possibly, Gene Torrence, the district's SRO.

D. Repair of, and mulch for, the playgrounds at Lake Garda and Harwinton Consolidated Schools:

Every year an outside, licensed firm examines the playgrounds for safety and security issues, state of the play equipment, and the mulch or condition of foam beneath.

Superintendent Beitman deferred to David Fortin, Director of Facilities and Operations, who provided background on a new company, Playground Medic, which the district will be utilizing for its playground inspections moving forward.

Currently, there are two issues, maintenance repair and the addition of mulch. Playground repair will now need to include signs designating age appropriateness for each piece of playground equipment. Additional costs include the purchase of mulch, and the expense to have it installed.

Capital improvement includes plans for playground and surfacing upgrades. With the tennis court renovation expenditures coming in lower than anticipated, the money would currently be available to address the needs of the playgrounds.

E. Budget Transfer to cover emergency playground repairs and hot water heater replacement:

The original 1961 hot water heater at Lake Garda School has a leak and needs to be replaced. The plan is to replace the unit with two, natural gas fired, condensing hot water heaters; one to service the kitchen and one to service the remainder of the building.

The \$31,000 savings realized from the tennis court renovations would cover the Playscape repairs and the savings anticipated from lower oil prices will pay for the hot water heater replacements.

On a motion made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phil Penn to accept/approve the transfer of funds to cover the costs as noted; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Business:

- A. Administrative Regulations #5115A/Student Attendance and Truancy
- B. Administrative Regulations #6115A/Attendance – High School (Grades 9-12) Course Credit

Administrative regulations are the rules under which the administration follows to implement policy. They serve as guidance for the administration, and are usually tied to state rules and regulations.

Both are informational and do not require any action by the Board.

C. Facilities Update/Playground:

A PowerPoint presentation was prepared by Mr. David Fortin highlighting some of larger projects that occurred over the summer months in the district. It included the lavatories at Harwinton Consolidated, tennis court renovations, and safety and security measures implemented throughout the district just to name a few.

IX. Committee Reports:

Tom Fausel shared the Youth and Community Development Award plaque which will be housed in the entrance hallway of the Board of Education offices.


X. Next Meeting:


The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Center

XI. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Beth Duffy to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:40 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Theresa Foley, Secretary

  
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