

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, March 9, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri, Board Chairman
Paul Omichinski
Thomas Fausel
John Vecchitto
Eleanor (Ellie) Parente
Bruce Guillemette
Susan Baccaro
Phillip Penn

Absent:

Brooke Joiner
Beth Duffy

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
Jenna Sadecki, Student Representative
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. Student Representatives' Reports
Eric Uhl's report included information on school activities including Mills Got Talent and the Make-a-Mark Chess tournament.

Jenna Sadecki highlighted several sporting events and the Mills' Club Burlington Bingo field trip.

B. Superintendent's Report:

1. Update of the 2015/2016 Estimate of Expenses

The net increase at this juncture is documented as \$1,275,000 or 3.46% with Burlington's estimated share of the Region 10 increase at 65.92% and Harwinton's share at 34.08%.

With the inclusion of recommended "New" funds in the amount of \$339,807 or .92%, the overall increase is recorded at \$1,614,837 or \$4.38%. Burlington's share would be 2.89% and Harwinton's 1.49%, \$1,064,501 and \$550,336 respectively.

Healthcare providers continue to be explored with a finalist to be designated in the coming weeks.

Departmental budgets presented this evening included Athletics, District-wide Administration and Operations, Special Services, and Technology.

IV. Board of Education Review of the 2015/2016 Estimate of Expenses.
A question and answer period ensued between Board members and those presenting departmental budgets.

V. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

A motion was made by Susan Baccaro and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the minutes from:

- Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Thursday, February 5, 2015;
- Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Wednesday, February 11, 2015;

as presented; all in favor; none opposed; John Vecchitto abstained; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated February 2015:

A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the February 2015 financial reports as presented; all in favor; none opposed; John Vecchitto abstained; motion carried unanimously.

B. Appointments: n/a

C. Resignations: n/a

D. Leaves of Absence: n/a

E. Retirements:

A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Eleanor (Ellie Parente) to accept/approve the retirements of James Orié and Sally Luzietti as they concluded the 2014/2015 school year and as presented; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Participation

Melissa Haras
Burlington, CT

Ms. Haras questioned the Wamogo admission process with regards to allocated funds and transportation

VIII. Actions:

A. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools on April 1, 2015 to set the date for the Lewis S. Mills High School Graduation

A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Thomas Fausel to authorize the Superintendent of Schools on April 1, 2015 to set the date for the Lewis S. Mills High School Graduation; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Transportation to the New England Music Festival

A motion was made by Thomas Fausel and seconded by John Vecchitto to grant permission for a Lewis S. Mills' student to travel to the New England Music Festival with students and chaperones from Region 7; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

IX. Business:

A. Update: Teacher/Administrator Evaluation Plan:
Cheri Burke – Director of Student Learning

Cheri Burke, the Director of Student Learning spoke on behalf of the committee and explained that the committee meets regularly and is charged, not only with the teacher and administrator evaluation plans, but also with the professional development plan for the district. The teachers have been asked to provide both positive feedback and those aspects that they find to be challenging. Any changes are to be submitted to the state in May. The information is being compiled and will be shared at the April board meeting. No changes were expected in the Administrator's Plan.

B. Update: Superintendent's Goals

The Board was provided with a document depicting the Superintendent's goals, which were broken down into two categories, primary and secondary. Secondary are those goals that are focused on in the normal operation of a day, week, and month. The primary goals are to address curriculum, instruction and learning. An adhoc committee has been appointed to begin the Supt evaluation process. The members are Paul Omichinski, Susan Baccaro and Brooke Joiner.

C. Stem Update

Cheri Burke, the Director of Student Learning, spoke to the Board regarding the mission of the STEM committee. A book was recently purchased, which was described as a published framework document for the entire next generation in an effort to remain ahead of any new science standards, which have not yet been adopted in the state at this point. The committee is exploring what the expectations of the next generation framework are and how is the district in alignment with those expectations.

D. Social Studies Pilot Text Update

The *My World Geography* program was chosen as the package that would best fit the needs of the district. The feasibility of financial assistance is currently underway.

- X. Budget workshops will be held on:
Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.


Other important dates:

Monday, March 23, 2015	Public Hearing
Monday, May 4, 2015	Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2015	Referendum

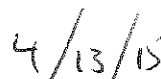
XI. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Eleanor Parente to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 10:20 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Fausel, Secretary



Date