

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**The Learning Center**  
**26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013**  
Monday, April 13, 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  
Brooke Joiner  
Beth Duffy

**Absent:** n/a

**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 Spartan Deal Cards, which are being sold by juniors and seniors for a fee of \$10. The cards provide discounts to local restaurants and businesses and help to offset the cost of prom tickets. He also reported on several upcoming Project Graduation fundraisers.  
  
Jenna Sadecki highlighted the National Foreign Language Cultural Extravaganza which raised \$1,000 for Doctors without Borders. She also reported on the commencement of the spring sports season and the

preparation members of the Model UN Club are undertaking for their next conference.

B. Superintendent's Report:

1. Update of the 2015/2016 Estimate of Expenses

Superintendent Beitman reported that enrollment numbers, particularly in the elementary schools, continue their upswing. He is optimistic the district will be able to re-employ all teachers, who were originally on the potential layoff list, as enrollment numbers continue to increase.

He also noted the district has been exploring a change in health care providers and is moving closer to a selection. Union presidents and representatives from Burlington and Harwinton recently met with one of the provider finalists to discuss logistics.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

A. Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, March 2, 2015  
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, March 2, 2015 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, March 9, 2015  
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, March 9, 2015 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; Brooke Joiner and Beth Duffy abstained; motion carried.

C. Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, March 16, 2015  
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, March 16, 2015 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; Phillip Penn abstained; motion carried.

D. District Meeting/Public Hearing dated Monday, March 23, 2015  
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the minutes of the District Meeting/Public hearing dated Monday, March 23, 2015 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; Susan Baccaro abstained; motion carried.

- E. Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday March 23, 2015 (immediately following District Meeting/Public Hearing)  
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, March 23, 2015 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; Susan Baccaro abstained; motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated March 2015:  
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the financial reports for March as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Appointments: n/a
- C. Leaves of Absence:  
On a motion made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approve the leaves of absence as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- D. Resignations:  
On a motion made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the resignations as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- E. Retirement:  
On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve the retirement as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Participation  
There was no public participation.

VII. Actions:  
(Amended Agenda - moved from Business, Item B)

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn to amend the agenda to move Item B under VIII. Business to Actions; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Program:

Principal Ken Smith and several faculty representatives of 5<sup>th</sup> grade were on hand to present their program, which was designed to address the academic and social needs of that particular grade level. The program was described as an enhancement with a focus on academics, while increasing rigor and relevance and providing opportunities with their classroom teachers. The same cohort of students would travel together

which would allow for more specialized instruction and allow teachers to hone in on the specific needs of their students.

A motion was made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to approve the Grade 5 Program/Schedule to commence in the fall of 15/16 and as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Business:

- A. 2014/2015 End-of-Year Activities Board Member Assignments  
Superintendent Beitman extended an invitation to all Board members to participate in end-of-year activities. A list of those activities was provided.
- B. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Program: Principal Ken Smith  
It was the consensus of the Board that the program needed their approval and was moved to an Action item.

Agenda amended to move to Actions, Item A

- C. Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Plan  
Districts are required annually to submit revisions to the evaluation plans to the State of Connecticut. Those changes and revisions are brought before the Board for their review and subsequent approval prior to submission. The edits and submission timeline were addressed by Ms. Cheri Burke, the Director of Student Learning.

IX. Committee Reports:

- A. Board Committees:  
A tentative date of May 30<sup>th</sup> for a Board retreat was established by the Board.
- B. Make-a-Mark: John Vecchitto  
Mr. Vecchitto recently attended a Make-a-Mark meeting and wanted to highlight four sophomore students who will be replacing graduating seniors. Of particular significance was a promotional video, compiled by the students, which offered a series of testimonials. Mr. Vecchitto asked if the Board would enjoy viewing the video once it had been edited to its final version.

X. Upcoming Meetings:

Annual Budget Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Center;


Referendum date is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 6 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Halls of Harwinton and Burlington;

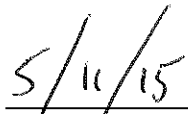
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Learning Center.

XI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Paul Omichinski to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:21 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Thomas Fausel, Secretary

  
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Date

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The minutes are marked as DRAFT, pending Board of Education approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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Robert's Rules state, "Minutes are a record of what was done at a meeting, not a record of what was said." [RONR (11th ed.), p. 468, ll. 16-18] which is the standard for which board minutes strive. For this reason the minutes will typically not reflect the discussion surrounding a motion, only its outcome.

Additionally, Robert's Rules in brief advises "The name and subject of a guest speaker or other program may be given, but no summary of the talk." [RONRIB page 149]

Both books can be found at our local libraries for anyone interested in more information.

RSD10 Chair