

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, May 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Phillip Penn, Vice Chairman & Presiding Board Member
Paul Omichinski
Thomas Fausel
John Vecchitto
Eleanor (Ellie) Parente
Susan Baccaro
Beth Duffy
Brooke Joiner
Bruce Guillemette (*arrived 7:08 p.m.)

Absent:

Joseph Arcuri, Board Chairman

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 Vice Chairman Phillip Penn called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Mr. Penn led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Special Recognition

Dr. Norma Ingram, Special Education Coordinator and School Psychologist was recognized and presented with the Farmington Valley Directors 6th Annual Thomas DiCorleto Memorial Award.

IV. Communications:

A. Student Representatives' Reports

Jenna Sadecki's report included information on AP Exams, National Honor Society, National Foreign Language Honor Society and the Lewis S. Mills Crew team triumphs.

Eric Uhl reported on the Spring Studio Space Concert and the upcoming Senior Picnic at High Meadows, the Junior/Senior Prom, and Project Graduation Fundraising efforts.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Beitman acknowledged a recent visit from First Selectman Michael Criss and Lyons Club Harry Shue whereby a certificate of appreciation was presented to the Region for donating the use of the Harwinton Consolidated School café and staff to support the annual Harwinton Scholarship Breakfast.

1. Enrollment Update:

Enrollment numbers are slowly inching up particularly at Lake Garda School in Kindergarten. May be asking to fund an additional k teacher

2. Estimate of Expense Update:

Referendum passed.

3. Spanish Homestay (moved from item IX. Business, Item A)

Ms. Lapman and several students provided a brief presentation regarding the proposed Home-Stay Exchange Program with sister-school *Colegio Lose Pinos* in Algeciras, Spain for the 2015/2016 school year. The program will be brought before the Board once again in June for consideration of approval.

V. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approve the following minutes as presented:

- Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, April 13, 2015
- Annual District Meeting dated Monday, May 4, 2015

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated February 2015:

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the financial reports as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

- B. Appointments:
A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Beth Duffy to approve/accept the appointments as presented; all in favor; none opposed; Eleanor Parente abstained; motion carried.
- C. Leave of Absence:
A motion was made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Eleanor Parente to accept/approve the leave of absence as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- D. Resignations: n/a
- E. Retirement:
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approved the retirement of Alyce Barlowski, Math Coordinator, effective October 2015; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Participation

Christine Kryzwich
Burlington

Ms. Kryzwich addressed the recent referendum, specifically the Wamogo application process

VIII. Actions:

- A. Policy 3170 Business and Non-Instructional Operations
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve Policy 3170 with Board edits; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Appointment of Auditor
A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the appointment of auditors Mahoney, Sabol CPA and Advisors; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- C. Surplus for Fiscal Year Ended 2013/2104
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Tom Fausel to return the surplus of funds for fiscal year ended 2013/2014 to the towns of Harwinton and Burlington; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- D. American Solar Letter of Intent
A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Paul Omichinski to create a letter of intent to American Solar for work to be performed; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

E. Healthy Food Certification

A motion was made by Beth Duffy and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve sections 2, 3, and 4 of the State of Connecticut Healthy Food Certification; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Discussions were had regarding a possible .25 cent lunch price increase stemming from communication that Ms. Dreher received from the state. Further discussions and possible action are anticipated for the June 8th meeting.

IX. Business:

A. Spanish Home Stay

(Item moved to follow Superintendent's report Item IV. Item C)

X. Board Committee Reports

Board members were reminded of the May 30th retreat and were asked to forward topics for discussion to Ms. Beth Duffy.

XI. Upcoming Meetings

The next regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Education are:

Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center

Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center.

Superintendent Beitman explained that the July meeting is typically cancelled unless there is important information that must be brought forward.

XII. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Paul Omichinski to adjourn the Regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:33 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Fausel, Secretary

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