

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, June 8, 2015
7:00 p.m.

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Brooke Joiner

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 7:00 p.m.
- II. Mr. Arcuri led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Recognition of Retiring Staff Members/Teacher-of-the-Year

Superintendent Beitman, accompanied by the Board Chairman, acknowledged the district's retiring personnel; departing student representatives; teacher-of-the-year, Christina Flaherty; and retiring Board member, Beth Duffy.

~BRIEF RECESS~

IV. Communications

A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Phillip Penn to move the Make-a-Mark presentation from item X. to Item IV A; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

- A. Student Emma Avery presented a marketing piece to provide insight on the Make-a-Mark Foundation, an organization at the Main Street Community Foundation, which provides monetary support for creative projects not funded by the Board of Education.
- B. Student Representatives' Reports
The student representatives' reports included information on end-of-year activities including the May 22 Senior Class Trip, Junior/Senior Prom at the Farmington Club, Senior Class Night, final exams, study sessions sponsored by the National Honor Societies, elections of new class officers, Spartan Marching Band orientation, and high school graduation.
- C. Superintendent's Report
Superintendent Beitman continues to monitor enrollment, specifically in the elementary grades. He expressed that there may be a need to add a kindergarten teacher before the start of the school year.

V. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

- A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, May 11, 2015
- B. Special Meeting/Expulsion Hearing dated Tuesday, May 26, 2015

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the minutes with the following amendments:

Minutes from May 11, 2015

Item IV. B, Superintendent's Report

Note name spelling correction Harry **Schuh**

Item V, Approval of Board Minutes

Should read, "all in favor; none **opposed**"

Item VII. Public Participation,

Note name spelling correction Christine Kryzwick of Burlington

Minutes from May 26

CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL STUDENT MATTER

Should state that the committee **returned to public session** at 6:45; strike the word motion

All in favor as amended; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated May 2015:
On a motion made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve the financial reports as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Appointments: n/a
- C. Leave of Absence:
On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the leave of absence as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- D. Resignations:
On a motion made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve the resignations as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- E. Retirements: n/a

VII. Public Participation

Students John (Jay) Cizeski and Julia DiGiuseppe

The students expressed their appreciation to the Board members for the new tennis courts.

VIII. Business:

- A. Superintendent's Evaluation Committee
 - 1. Results of Evaluation:
Mr. Paul Omichinski stated that the evaluation committee completed the Superintendent's evaluation utilizing the process which was adopted last year by the Board. It was established that the Superintendent was proficient in the execution of his duties and it was further recommended to extend his contract by one year and his current compensation by 1.75%.
- B. Grade 5 Team Update:
At their last meeting, the Board heard a brief presentation regarding changes and improvements to the grade 5 teaming model and at their request, the topic was discussed at a recent curriculum committee meeting. Ms. Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning, noted that there would be no major shifts in grade 5 next year for language arts. The

Bridges math program will be extended to grade 5. A synopsis of each of the core disciplines was provided.

C. STEM Update:

Ms. Burke provided a STEM Project Status Report with focal points on What is STEM, why is STEM Important, the vision statement, current status of STEM in Region 10, the committee's achievements, a comparison to surrounding districts, grant opportunities, a timeline, looking ahead and the next steps.

IX. Action Items:

A. Appoint CREC Liaison

A motion was made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Eleanor Parente to appoint John Vecchitto to serve as the official CREC liaison; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Establish Board Technology Committee

Joseph Arcuri, the Board Chair, created a technology committee and established that it would be comprised of the following members thus far:

Tom Fausel, Bruce Guillemette, Joseph Arcuri, Corey Rewenko

C. Cancel July 13, 2015 Board of Education Meeting

On a motion made by Susan Baccaro and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to cancel the July 13, 2015 meeting of the Board of Education; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

D. Farmington Valley Generals Hockey Team Co-op Invitation to Join

Paul Omichinski objected that the item was on the agenda as an action item for not following the proper protocols in presenting it to the Board.

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto to table the discussion of hockey as a varsity sport in Region 10 until the proper procedure was followed:

Rationale for placing as action item:

Superintendent Beitman explained that the co-op consists of a number of area high schools that were working collaboratively to develop it. One of the high schools withdrew creating space for a new high school to be included. The window of opportunity to join the co-op would close by week's end and if Region 10 did not act upon it, it would be offered to another school district. Time was of the essence.

Discussions ensued as to whether or not the board should hear the presentation outside of the board protocols.

Paul Omichinski, John Vecchitto, and Beth Duffy were in favor of the motion; Phillip Penn, Thomas Fausel, Bruce Guillemette, Susan Baccaro, and Eleanor Parente were opposed; motion failed.

On a motion made by Thomas Fausel and seconded by Eleanor Parente to accept/approve the invitation to join the Farmington Valley Generals Co-op:

Presentation:

The Friends of Lewis Mills Hockey asked that the Board of Education give permission to the Athletic Director to accept the invitation from Farmington High School to become part of their co-op for ice hockey.

It was noted that the Friends of Lewis Mills Hockey would fully fund the program. The program is a three year commitment and it was reiterated that there will be no financial responsibilities to Region 10 or request for facilities.

Further discussions included any unforeseen impact the program might have on Region 10 moving forward if approved.

Thomas Fausel, Phillip Penn, Bruce Guillemette, Susan Baccaro, and Eleanor Parente were in favor of the motion; John Vecchitto, Paul Omichinski, and Beth Duffy were opposed; motion carried.

- E. 2015/2016 Home-Stay Exchange Spain Trip
On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the proposed trip to Spain; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- F. Proposed 2016 Spring Music Trip
On a motion made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the spring music trip to Norfolk, VA; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- G. Contract Renewal: Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Beth Duffy to extend the employment contract by one year and to provide for a 1.75% increase on January 1, 2016; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- H. Contract Renewal: Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
A motion was made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Susan Baccaro to extend the contract by one year with a 1.75% increase; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

I. Contract Renewal: Alan Beitman, Superintendent of Schools
A motion was made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to extend the contract by one year with a 1.75% increase to the base pay; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

J. Authorization to Amend Lease
The original lease between the Board of Education and the Burlington Volunteer Fire Department (town of Burlington) states that no improvements can be made to the land without prior authorization from the Board of Education. A request has been made to include a concrete slab.

On a motion made by Phillip Penn and seconded by John Vecchitto to authorize the Superintendent to sign the pending amended lease agreement pursuant to the approval of Paul Omichinski and Joseph Arcuri; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously,

K. Line Item Transfers
A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Susan Baccaro to authorize the Director of Finance to make line item transfers to cover line item deficits with the Superintendent's approval and such transfers may not exceed the overall appropriation of the 2014/2015 budget without prior approval of the Board of Education; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

X. Board Committee/Misc. Committee Reports: (moved to item IV.A.)

Make-a-Mark: Emma Avery

XI. Upcoming Meetings:

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on August 24, 2015.

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 10:27p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Fausel, Secretary

Date

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