

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Board Workshop
Office of the Superintendent
Conference Room One
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Saturday, March 22, 2014
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present:

Joseph Arcuri, Chairman
Phil Penn, Vice Chairman
Paul Omichinski, Treasurer
Theresa Foley, Secretary
Sue Baccaro
Beth Duffy
Tom Fausel
Bruce Guillemette
Brooke Joiner
Ellie Parente

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent (departed meeting at 12:00 noon)

I. Opening Comments

Each of the board members provided a brief resume and explained why they chose to run for the Board of Education in Region 10. Years of experience on the board include: Paul Omichniski (17 years), Beth Duffy (12 years), Joe Arcuri (9 years), Phil Penn (7 years), Sue Baccaro (3 years), Theresa Foley (1+ years), Tom Fausel (10 months), Brooke Joiner (4 months), Bruce Guillemette (4 months) and Ellie Parente (newly appointed). Superintendent Beitman has 44 years in the field of Education.

II. Workshop Objectives

Board member, Beth Duffy, had each of the members choose a topic from a hat. The hat contained 10 sheets of paper, each with a different situation that a board member may encounter during their tenure. Topics included how to approach new curriculum ideas, parents requesting a change of policy, budget opposition, parental concerns and the chain of command in addressing them, the hiring of administrators, conflicts of interest, etc.

Each new board member should be in possession of a publication entitled "Getting There from Here: School Board-Superintendent Collaboration: Creating a School Governance

Team Capable of Raising Student Achievement". If not, they were instructed to contact the Superintendent's office for a copy.

It was communicated to members that the bylaws and policies of the Board of Education are available online at www.region10ct.org.


Money is available for members of the Board to receive professional development via workshops offered through CABE and CREC.

Other topics discussed included questions surrounding the budget, tools used to assess the performance of the superintendent, how the agenda is created each month, ways for the Board to commend the Region 10 staff, how to handle union issues, and the role of the Board.


III. Adjourn

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phil Penn to adjourn the workshop at 1:00 p.m.; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa Foley, Secretary



Date