

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
The Lewis S. Mills Auditorium
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Wednesday, February 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri, Chairman
Phil Penn, Vice Chairman
Ellie Parente
Paul Omichinski
Tom Fausel
Brooke Joiner
Sue Baccaro
Beth Duffy (arrived 7:15 p.m.)

Absent:

Bruce Guillemette

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 Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:03 p.m.

II. Mr. Arcuri led the pledge of allegiance.

III. Election of a Secretary
Board Chairman Joseph Arcuri called for nominations for a secretary.

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phil Penn to nominate Tom Fausel as secretary to the Board; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

IV. Communications:

A. Student Representatives' Reports

Jenna Sadecki's report to the Board included information on the completion of final exams, the Mills Club community outreach book drive; Model United Nation fieldtrip to Boston and winter sports.

Eric Uhl reported on Mills Got Talent, tryouts for NFLHS Cultural talent show scheduled for March 13, Humanitarian Club donations for the jeans drive, and Dazzle Prom shopping event.

B. Superintendent's Report:

1. Presentation of 2015/2016 Estimate of Expenses

The total Superintendent's recommended base Estimate of Expenses for the 2015/2016 school year is \$38,457,721. This represents an increase of 4.22% or \$1,555,566 over the approved 2014/2015 Estimate of Expenses.

Major drivers in the increase include:

- Medical/life insurance
- Certified Personnel salaries
- Non-certified salaries
- Unemployment compensation

Proposed new funds, not included in the February 9th Estimate of Expenses, total \$239,069 or a .65% increase. The programs which encompass this dollar figure include:

- Middle School Autistic Program
- Grade 5 Guidance Counselor
- Technology Staff Update
- Technology Tech upgrade from intern to full-time employee
- Grades 3-4 Bridges Mathematics Program
- 1 Burlington School Bus
- Grade 7/8 Field Hockey
- HCS Air Conditioner to address student health need
- Football Equipment
- Field Supplies
- Field Maintenance Staff Member
- HCS Seed Funds for Playground

Enrollment and budgetary issues continue to be closely monitored.

The Estimate of Expenses renews the investment in the district's students, their families, the teachers and support staff and the future of its communities.

The citizens of Burlington and Harwinton continue to support the funding of quality public education. The Estimate of Expenses brought forward this evening maintains the tradition of providing the best possible education for Region 10's youth at the most cost effective level.

- V. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:
On a motion made by Sue Baccaro and seconded by Phil Penn to accept/approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated January 20, 2015 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; Beth Duffy and Brooke Joiner abstained; motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Consent Agenda:
- A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated January 2015:
On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the financials dated January 2015 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Appointments:
1. Kathryn Masse
On a motion made by Beth Duffy and seconded by Ellie Parente to accept/approve the appointment as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- C. Leaves of Absence: n/a
- D. Resignations: n/a
- E. Retirements: n/a
- VII. Public Participation
- Melissa Haras
Burlington
- Ms. Haras expressed concerns regarding the Wamogo application and acceptance process.
- VIII. Actions:
- A. 2016/2017 Region 10 Calendar (second review)
On a motion made by Phil Penn and seconded by Beth Duffy to accept/approve the Region 10 2016/2017 calendar as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- IX. Business:
- A. STEM Update (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
Assistant Principal Martha Rouleau has formed and chairs a committee established to perform an internal assessment of what the district currently has and what aligns with STEM. An inventory of current STEM courses was conducted and a vision statement will be established.
- B. Social Studies Pilot Textbook Update
As a follow up to the Board's last meeting, the Director of Student Learning, Ms. Cheri Burke met with Ed Dorgan, Social Studies Coordinator, to review the Grade 7 social studies pilot textbooks to make a determination as to which of the two books would be identified as the

more favorable option. The decision was made to move forward with *My World Geography*. They have reached out to the publisher, Pearson, to inquire what they can do to support the district with this initiative including financial assistance.

X. Committee Reports: n/a

XI. Next Meetings:

Monday, March 2, 2015	Budget Workshop
Monday, March 9, 2015	Regular Meeting of the BoE (Workshop)
Monday, March 16, 2015	Budget Workshop
Monday, March 23, 2015	Public Hearing on District Workshop

XII. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Beth Duffy to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 9:22 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Fausel, Secretary

3/9/15
Date