

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
**The Learning Center**  
**26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013**  
Monday, March 2, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Joseph Arcuri, Chairman  
Phil Penn, Vice Chairman  
Paul Omichinski  
John Vecchitto  
Bruce Guillemette  
Tom Fausel  
Ellie Parente  
Brooke Joiner  
Susan Baccaro  
Beth Duffy

**Absent:**

n/a

**Also Present:**

Alan Beitman, Superintendent  
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations  
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning  
Patricia George, Recording Secretary

- I. Call to Order:  
Board Chairman Joseph Arcuri called to order the special meeting of the Board of Education at 7:04 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:  
Mr. Arcuri led the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Introduction of Newly Appointed Board Member, John Vecchitto:  
Mr. Vecchitto, a resident of Harwinton and former teacher and administrator, was welcomed as the newest member of the Region 10 Board of Education. Mr. Vecchitto replaces Mrs. Theresa Foley.
- IV. Communications:
  - A. Superintendent's Report:
    1. Update of the 2015/2016 Estimate of Expenses:

At the special meeting of the Board of Education dated February 11<sup>th</sup>, the Superintendent's total recommended base Estimate of Expenses for the 2015/2016 school year was offered as \$38,457,721. This represented an increase of 4.22% or \$1,555,566 over the approved 2014/2015 Estimate of Expenses. (Not including new funds)

Further reductions were made since their last meeting totaling \$268,291. These reductions were realized in health care savings in the amount of \$220,000, a pension reduction in the amount of \$20,000, and 1 retirement with a savings of \$28,291.

With these cutbacks, the percent of increase brought forward this evening was 3.49% or \$1,287,275 with Burlington absorbing 65.92% and Harwinton 34.08% over last year's approved numbers. (Not including new funds)

A history of enrollment numbers compared to recent numbers was provided. Enrollment numbers, specifically Kindergarten, have a direct correlation to the budget's staffing requirements. Superintendent Beitman cautioned Board members that enrollment is always a wild card at this juncture; Kindergarten enrollment numbers are an unknown -as it is only March, those numbers can, and do, fluctuate.

Each administrator was asked to approach the Board and provide an overview of their respective budgets.

- V. Board of Education Review of the 2015/2016 Estimate of Expenses  
Questions were asked of each administrator by board members, specifically addressed were any significant increases on budget line items as compared to the previous year.

Principal Ken Smith was questioned by several members regarding his need for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade school counselor.

- VI. Public Participation

Ms. Rachel McFadden  
Harwinton

Ms. McFadden stated that it would be beneficial for the district to understand why students are leaving the district to attend other schools. She suggested that the parents and students be solicited for this information.

She also stated that she felt strongly about the gifted and talented and that something needed to be done to address the needs of this particular student group.

- VII. Budget Workshops:  
Subsequent meeting dates were noted as  
Monday, March 9, 2015 (Regular meeting of the Board of Education)  
Monday, March 16, 2015

Other important dates included:

Monday, March 23, 2015 – Public Hearing


Monday, May 4, 2015, Annual Meeting

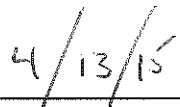
Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Referendum

VIII. Adjourn

On a motion made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phil Penn to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education at 9:23 p.m.; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Tom Fausel, Secretary

  
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