

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
April 1, 2013
PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEWIS S. MILLS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri, Vice Chairman
Susan Baccaro
Beth Duffy
Theresa Foley
Paul Omichinski
Phil Penn
Ted Scheidel
Ray Sikora, Chairman
Noel Turner

Absent:

Elaine Schiavone

Also Present:


Alan Beitman Superintendent of Schools
Robert Choiniere Director of Student Learning
Susan Laone Director of Finance & Operations

<p>Chairman of the Board, Raymond Sikora, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:04 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p><u>Election of Moderator:</u> A motion to nominate Mr. Reid Matusik as the meeting moderator was made by Mr. Arcuri and was seconded by Mrs. Turner. No other nominations were made. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>A motion to nominate Ms. Mary Paganini as recording secretary for the meeting was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. No other nominations were made. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p>	<p>ELECTION of MODERATOR & SECRETARY</p>
<p><u>READING OF THE CALL OF THE MEETING:</u> Ms. Paganini read the call of the meeting as follows "Legal Notice. Warning, Budget Hearing, Regional School District #10, Towns of Harwinton and Burlington. A Public Hearing for the purpose of presenting the proposed 2013-2014 Regional School District #10 Budget will be held on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center at 26 Lyon Road in Burlington, CT. Raymond Sikora Regional School District #10 Board of Education Ms. Paganini reported that the notice was published in the March 19, 2013 edition of The Hartford Courant and was posted in both the</p>	<p>READING OF THE CALL</p>

<p>Burlington and Harwinton Town Halls on March 11, 2013.</p>	
<p>Discussion of the Budget: Mr. Beitman presented a detailed review of the recommended 2013-2014 Estimate of Expenses in the amount of \$36,024,532 this is an increase of \$483,500 which includes new funds in the amount of \$212,605 and represents a 1.36% increase over last year. The only new funding item he did not recommend the Board approve is the magnet pre-school tuition due to pending litigation.</p>	<p>DISCUSSION OF BUDGET</p>
<p>The moderator opened the floor for questions and comments by the public asking that comments be limited to three (3) minutes, and that participants clearly identify themselves and the town they are from.</p> <p>Eric Kirsten – Burlington – Asked that the Board to be creative and include funds to benefit the students in the best possible way and to be creative in supporting opportunities which will challenge students. He expressed an interest in the district providing learning opportunities for students of all abilities, including high performing students.</p> <p>Alida Roberts – Harwinton – Expressed her support once again for adding a teacher to Grade 3 at Harwinton Consolidated School.</p> <p>Kim Baron – Burlington – Read a lengthy statement indicating that she feels that the Board of Education has not met their responsibility to be effective Board members or to keep the children’s interests first. She expressed hope that the Board can work together with the community to become an effective Board.</p> <p>Karen Roberts – Burlington – Spoke in support of adding a teacher to Grade 3 at Harwinton Consolidated School.</p> <p>Chris Butwill – Burlington – Spoke in support of adding a teacher to grade 4 at Lake Garda School due to the implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS).</p> <p>Janet Burritt – Harwinton - Expressed concern that the surplus has not been returned to the towns for two consecutive years and asked that the Board return to the practice of returning the surplus to the towns.</p> <p>Tim Bergstrom – Burlington – Spoke in support of adding a teacher to grade 4 at Lake Garda School due to the implementation of CCSS.</p> <p>Bruce Guillemette – Burlington – Spoke in support of adding a teacher to grade 4 at Lake Garda School and Grade 3 at Harwinton Consolidated School.</p> <p>Tracy Sheintop – Burlington – Spoke in support of adding a teacher to Grade 4 at Lake Garda School.</p> <p>Nancy Turski – Burlington – Spoke in support of adding a teacher to</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>

<p>Grade 4 at Lake Garda School.</p> <p>Christine Bonini – Spoke in support of adding a teacher to grade 4 at Lake Garda School.</p> <p>Lisa Moulton – Burlington – Spoke in support of adding a teacher to Grade 4 at Lake Garda School.</p> <p>Shelly Bernetich – Burlington – Spoke in support of adding a teacher to Grade 4 at Lake Garda School.</p> <p>Four (4) other community members, whose names this recorder is unable to report because they were not signed up for public participation and were too far away from the recording device to capture their name, spoke in support of maintaining small class sizes.</p> <p>Mrs. Duffy explained that she looks to the administration to present the best-case signori but that money is a factor and the Board is in the middle and the Board has an obligation to balance their responsibility to be fiscally responsible, to provide the best education for students and to be equitable throughout all Region 10 schools.</p> <p>Community members and Board members continued to discuss class size and fiscal responsibility.</p>	
<p>As no other comments or questions were forthcoming, a motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (9/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 8:04 pm.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Respectfully submitted,


 Beth Duffy, Secretary

5/13/2013
 Date