

MINUTES
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 11, 2009
THE LEARNING CENTER

Members Present: Kathy Deprey, Jeanne Doerr, Paul Omichinski, Phil Penn, Raymond Sikora, Elaine Schiavone (Beth Duffy and Joe Arcuri arrived at 7:35 pm)

Absent: Cathy Bergstrom
Karen Sullivan

Also Present: Alan Beitman - Superintendent of Schools
Michael Landry - Assistant Superintendent
David Lenihan - Business Manager
Stephen Sikora - Student Representative

- I. Call to order - The regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting was held at The Learning Center, and was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman Paul Omichinski.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge was recited.
- III. Communications
 - A. Superintendent’s Report
 1. Resignations and Retirements – Mr. Beitman announced the retirement of Mrs. Geraldine Sklarz, a foreign language teacher at Har-Bur Middle School.
 2. Estimate of Expenses Update – The only update is that the 2009-2010 budget passed in both towns. Mr. Beitman also reported that he is still receiving information regarding the stimulus package.
 - B. Lewis S. Mills Student Representative Report – Mr. Stephen Sikora reported that spring sports are in full swing and all teams are performing well and that the Advanced Placement exams are about half way completed.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of minutes for the Special Board of Education Meeting of April 6, 2009. Approval of the minutes for the Budget Hearing of April 6, 2009. Approval of the minutes for the Regularly Scheduled Board of Education Meeting of April 20, 2009. Approval of the financial report dated April 30, 2009.

A **motion** to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Duffy and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)
- V. Public Participation – There was no public participation

VI. Action

- A. Food Service Report and Discussion on Participation in the CT Child Nutrition Program (ED-099) - Mrs. Allocca reported that the Region 10 school lunch program is doing very well. Region 10 implemented the Fast Lane system in the elementary schools this year. She also reported the Meals Pay Plus program will be implemented next year. This program will allow parents to view what their children are purchasing and it will also allow parents to prepay online. Mrs. Allocca spoke of the many nutritious options which are offered in each of the schools through the school lunch program. The Region 10 lunch program is self-sustaining. Mr. Lenihan discussed participation in the state's child nutrition program, but due to the fact that Region 10's lunch program already incorporates the principals of the state program without the stringent state guidelines, he recommended that the Board decline participation in the Connecticut Child Nutrition Program.

A **motion** to recommend that the superintendent decline participation in the Connecticut Child Nutrition Program was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Ms. Schiavone. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

- B. Approval of the new Calculus Textbook - Mr. Landry explained that the proposed new calculus textbook follows the AB course. He indicated that the district planned to purchase one class set. He recommended that the Board approve the new calculus textbook entitled, Calculus, eighth edition published by Houghton Mifflin.

A **motion** to approve the new calculus textbook was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mr. Penn. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

- C. Approval of the new Family Consumer Science Book – Mr. Landry recommended the Board approve the purchase of the proposed new family consumer science book entitled, Culinary Essentials, published by Glencoe/McGraw Hill.

A **motion** to approve the new family consumer science book was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

- D. Appointment of Auditor – Mr. Lenihan recommended the Board appoint Carlin, Charron & Rosen, LLP to conduct an audit for FY2008-2009 as this firm has been successfully providing audit services to Region 10 for the past eleven years.

A **motion** to appoint Carlin, Charron & Rosen, LLC to conduct an audit for the FY2008-2009 was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

- E. Approval of Board of Education Policies – Mr. Beitman indicated that Attorney Susan Scott from the firm of Sullivan, Schoen, Campana & Connon, reviewed all existing Region 10 policies to be sure they are current with all laws. Ms. Scott recommended several revisions to existing policies and the addition of some new policies. Mr. Beitman stated that the Region 10 administrators have all had an opportunity to review them and recommended they be approved.

A **motion** to approve the recommended revisions and addition of new policies was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mrs. Duffy. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

VII. Business

- A. Approval of the 2009-2010 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – Mr. Beitman indicated that last year’s Board meeting schedule seemed to work for everyone, therefore, the recommended 2009-2010 schedule follows, for the most part, the same pattern. This item will be placed on the June 8, 2009 agenda under action.
- B. Approval of the Technology Plan for 2009-2012 – Mr. Pont, Region 10 Lead Technology Teacher, presented the technology plan for 2009-2012. He explained that the state recommends updating this plan every three (3) years. Mr. Pont indicated that due to budget limitations the program has not expanded. The plan was reviewed and approved by CREC. This item will be placed on the June 8, 2009 agenda under action.

VIII. Board Committee Reports

- A. CREC – Mrs. Duffy reported that CREC would be holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. She invited all Board members to attend.


Mr. Beitman informed the Board that the district would be conducting lockdown/lockout drills in the coming weeks. He explained that these drills would be “walk through” drills lead by Trooper Michael Burk over the schools’ public address systems. He reported that next year the drills would be stepped up and would be held on more of a regular basis.

- IX. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in The Learning Center.

X. Adjourn

A **motion** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Penn and was seconded by Mr. Sikora. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)

Meeting ended at 8:44 pm.



Raymond Sikora, Secretary

6/8/09

Date