

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, May 8, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Phillip Penn, Chairman
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman
Corey Rewenko
Eleanor (Elle) Parente
John Vecchitto
Susan Baccaro
Bruce Guillemette

Absent:

Brooke Joiner
Paul Omichinski
John Goodno

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
Brian Drisdelle, Student Representative
Savanna Arcuri, Student Representative
Patricia George, Recording Secretary

- I. Call to Order:
Board Chairman, Phillip Penn called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
Mr. Penn led the pledge.
- III. Communications:
 - A. Student Representatives' Reports: (Savanna Arcuri and Brian Drisdelle)
With the final weeks of the school year quickly closing in, there were many end-of-year activities to report on including the arduous AP tests, a "College Day" for seniors, the upcoming National Honor Society and National Foreign Language Honor Society inductions, the senior picnic, awards night, Big Band Bash, and the election of new class officers.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Beitman noted that there were no changes in kindergarten enrollment numbers to report on this week. Currently, Lake Garda School administration predicts 78 students, while Harwinton Consolidated administration anticipates 72. While these numbers are indicative of registration statistics reported in late August, Superintendent Beitman anticipates nonetheless, the totals will increase prior to the start of school.

1. End-of-Year Activities

Superintendent Beitman reminded Board members that they are invited to all end-of-year activities.

2. State Budget Update

The latest projection reported is an estimated five-billion-dollar deficit over the next two years, with revenue down significantly from income tax. No further information has been provided to the towns or school districts; it is a current wait and see, as to what is coming out of Hartford and what the implications to education will be.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes

A. Regular Meeting dated Monday, February 13, 2017

B. Regular Meeting dated Monday, April 3, 2017

C. District Meeting/Public Hearing dated Monday, April 17, 2017

D. Annual Meeting dated Monday, May 1, 2017

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Susan Baccaro to accept/approve the minutes with the following amendment:

April 17, 2017 Special Meeting (Immediately following the Public Hearing)

Item II. Action; Subsection A; Approval of the final Estimate of Expenses for the 2017/2018 school year

With seven Board members present, the Record of the Vote to accept/approve should read, "Six in favor; Brooke Joiner opposed; motion carried."

All were in favor of the motion with the noted amendment; none opposed; Corey Rewenko abstained from the minutes dated April 17, 2017; motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Corey Rewenko and seconded by Eleanor Parente to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. Items exhibited were:

- The financial reports for April 2017;
- A one year leave of absence requested by Alicia Rigdon, for the 2017/2018 school year;
- A leave of absence submitted by Alexandra Johnston, Library Media Specialist at Har-Bur Middle; from on or about September 15, 2017 to on or about January 22, 2018;

- An intent to retire at the conclusion of the 2016/2017 school year prepared by Sharon Haworth, Kindergarten teacher, Harwinton Consolidated School.

For the record, there were no resignations or appointments.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Participation:

There was no public participation

VII. Actions:

A. Potential move from the Berkshire League to the Central Connecticut Conference

Board member, John Vecchitto recapped the ad hoc subcommittee's unanimous conclusion, which was to remain with the Berkshire League at this point in time; however, they were doing so with some reservation – the committee would like to explore where the Berkshire League is headed.

A motion was made by Corey Rewenko to move from the Berkshire League to the Central Connecticut Conference; in hearing no second, the motion failed.

Board Chair, Phillip Penn expressed an interest in reconvening the ad hoc committee to continue discussions and explore the possibility of moving to another league such as the Naugatuck Valley League as one of its missions.

B. Proposed Field Trip – FBLA National Conference

A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the field trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. Proposed Field Trip to France

Dr. Tenney provided a brief summary of trip insurance policies as they related to terrorist attacks and their related costs.

A motion was made by Corey Rewenko and seconded by Thomas Fausel to accept/approve the field trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

D. Healthy Food Certification

A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Susan Baccaro to table the item for the June 12, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

VIII. Business:

A. Teacher Leadership Monthly Update

Ms. Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning, reported for the committee this month and indicated that they were in the process of re-distributing an identical survey which was made available to teachers in the fall. A comparative analysis would then be used to determine whether or not the committee was having a positive impact.

A solution for rotating memberships on the committee was also discussed.

B. Food Services Update

Margaret Dreher, Director of Nutritional Services, was invited to the Board to provide an update on food services in Region 10.

At this juncture, the district is showing a small profit of approximately \$12,000. Some new products are being sampled and breakfast programs have commenced at both elementary schools. The plan is to expand the program to middle school and high school.

Also on the horizon is the implementation of a new program called Nutrislice, which will be accessible as an application on cell phones. One feature of the program will be the ability to provide nutritional assessment and will prove to be an invaluable resource for students who have food sensitivities and allergies.

C. Stratostar Launch/STEM Updates

Ms. Burke estimated that close to 750 people were in attendance at the height of the Stratostar event, which was held on Saturday, April 29th. She publicly thanked all of those who assisted in making it the success that it was and expressed appreciation for all those who participated from the two communities, area organizations, and student body.

Data was collected on items that were part of the launch that will now be analyzed by students. Those items included a banana, Madagascar cockroach, egg, yeast, and hotdog to name a few.

D. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE)

Board member, John Vecchitto asked to have the item placed on the agenda for the purpose of a follow up to the CABE presentation held at a previous board meeting with the hopes that a membership to the organization would still be under consideration. Mr. Vecchitto felt that there is a need for advocacy for Board members.

Chairman, Phillip Penn opened the floor for Board member commentary which yielded a mixed bag of opinions. Some members expressed concerns about the amount of representation that the district would have and the high cost of a membership, and on the flip side, others believed

that a membership would be very valuable as a resource. Further discussions are expected when the next budget season commences.

IX. Standing Board Committee Reports

A. Facilities: No report

B. Curriculum Committee: Meeting scheduled for June

C. Superintendent's Evaluation: Superintendent Beitman noted that the committee will be receiving an update prior to the June meeting.

D. Finance Committee: No report

E. CREC: Mr. Vecchitto stated that CREC is currently in limbo and will remain as such until the appropriations committee can state where the money is coming from and where it is going. The annual meeting is slated for next week.

F. Technology: Mr. Fausel reported for the committee noting that they met on April 24th and are continuing their efforts with the development of a three year IT plan. Areas focused on included grade level curriculum planning, professional development with platforms to support, cost savings options. Members were also seriously looking at BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) with a survey for grades 8-12. All in all, the committee was making great progress and covering a lot of ground. Next meeting is slated for Monday, May 15th.

G. Ad hoc Central Connecticut Conference Committee

With conversations expected to continue with regards to exploring other league options, the committee will be referred to under another name yet to be determined.

X. Upcoming Meetings

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is slated for Monday, June 12, 2017.

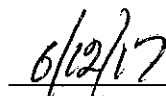
XI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Thomas Fausel to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:21 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



John Vecchitto, Secretary



Date

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The minutes are marked as DRAFT, pending Board of Education approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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Additionally, Robert's Rules in brief advises "The name and subject of a guest speaker or other program may be given, but no summary of the talk." [RONRIB page 149]

Both books can be found at our local libraries for anyone interested in more information.

RSD10 Chair