

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center - HarBur Middle School
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, January 8, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Thomas Fausel, Chairman
Bruce Guillemette, Vice Chairman
Phillip Penn
John Vecchitto
Paul Omichinski
Susan Baccaro

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Absent:

Brooke Joiner
Eleanor (Ellie) Parente
John Goodno
Savanna Arcuri, Student Representative
Sam Dorman, Student Representative

Also Present:

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

- I. Call to Order:
Board Chairman Thomas Fausel called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:04 p.m.
- II. Mr. Fausel led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Communications:
 - A. Audit Report for 2016/2017
Michael VanDeventer and Lauren Blair, CPAs with Mahoney Sabol CPAs and Advisors were on hand and presented their findings on fiscal year 2017's audit. The presentation included the Scope of the Work, Auditor's Reports, Financial Highlights, Required Communications and concluded with an opportunity for questions. The assessment did not yield any significant or unusual outcomes.

B. Student Representatives' Reports

The students were not present to provide reports due to inclement weather and poor road conditions.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, December 11, 2017

A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

V. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. Items exhibited included:

- A. Financial reports dated December 2017;
- B. A leave of absence requested by Stephanie Bufano, Grade 4 Teacher, Lake Garda School, on or about April 3, 2018;
- C. A notice of intent to retire by Kathleen Rybak, Harwinton Consolidated School, effective June 2018.

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:

There were no action items

VIII. Business:

A. Teacher Leadership Monthly Update

Two members of the council, Darren Murphy and Marlanea Elsdon, provided an update to the Board. It was stated that a survey was recently made available to all teachers soliciting their input on what they require in order to be successful in the classroom. The next step is to analyze the data collected.

Three teachers of the council, along with Ms. Cheri Burke, the Director of Student Learning; Christopher Rau, Campus Principal, Lewis S. Mills High School and Har-bur Middle School; and Megan Mazzei, Principal, Harwinton Consolidated School are members of Teach to Lead at Central Connecticut State University. They, along with approximately 15 other school districts in the state, come together for teacher collaboration, creative problem-solving, and the like.

Ms. Burke reported that one of the themes that emerged from anecdotal conversations, (absent of data collected) was the idea that there are many demands placed on teachers as curriculum has changed, as has testing, and the students, themselves. She has started the process of researching other area districts to learn about the type of release time they provide to their teachers in order to accomplish the kind of professional learning that is desired.

One concern she had with the timing of her proposal, was the development of the district's 19/20 calendar and how to coincide the two. A formal presentation is expected for the March board meeting.

IX. Committee Reports:

A. Board Committee Reports:

1. Facilities: No Report
2. Curriculum: Meeting Wednesday, the 10th
3. Superintendent's Evaluation: No Report
4. Finance: Meeting planned for first week of February
5. CREC: No Report
6. Technology: Meeting on January 22nd
7. Ad hoc Athletic Conference Committee: Met earlier this evening and established a timeline. Still waiting to hear from NVL.


X. Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m.; Lewis S. Mills Auditorium.

XI. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Susan Baccaro to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:56 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Eleanor Parente, 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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Robert's Rules state, "Minutes are a record of what was done at a meeting, not a record of what was said." [RONR (11th ed.), p. 468, ll. 16-18] which is the standard for which board minutes strive. For this reason the minutes will typically not reflect the discussion surrounding a motion, only its outcome.

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