

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**Lewis S. Mills High School Auditorium**  
**26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013**  
Monday, February 12, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Thomas Fausel, Chairman  
Bruce Guillemette, Vice Chairman  
Paul Omichinski  
Eleanor Parente  
Phillip Penn  
John Vecchitto  
Wendy Darasz  
John Goodno  
Brooke Joiner

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**Absent:**

Assuntina (Susan) Baccaro

**Also Present:**

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

**I. Call to Order:**

Board Chairman, Thomas Fausel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mr. Fausel led the pledge of Allegiance

**III. Communications:**

**A. Student Representatives' Reports:**

Due to the inclement weather and subsequent non-school days, the students reported that not much had occurred. However, they did make note that mid-term exams have concluded transitioning students into the second semester. Of relevance was the basketball senior night sports event.

**B. Superintendent's Report:**

**1. Presentation of the 2018/2019 Estimate of Expenses**

Superintendent Beitman presented the initial 2018/2019 Estimate-of-Expenses, which provides for the children and the two communities of Harwinton and Burlington.

The Board of Education's recommended base Estimate-of-Expenses is \$39,868,905, an increase of \$85,197 or .21% increase over last year's approved Estimate-of-Expenses and not inclusive of approved new funds. It provides for the expansion of technology and STEM initiatives, increased professional development, careful and measured allocation of new and existing resources, and implementation of Common Core standards to name a few.

In this scenario, the impact to the town of Burlington would be \$56,895 or .14% and to Harwinton, \$28,302 or .07%.

Budgetary issues to monitor include the proposed new state educational cost sharing formula, special education excess cost grant funding formula, magnet school tuition/transportation costs, anticipated increase/decrease in enrollment during the summer, level of state and federal funding support, uncertainty of special education costs, healthcare/prescription drug costs yet to be determined, anticipated new state and federal laws and unfunded mandates, mid-year cuts by the state, negotiations, and possible staff changes by or after June 30, 2018.

**IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:**

The following minutes were presented for approval:

- Regular meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, January 8, 2018
- Special Meeting of the Board of Education Workshop dated Saturday, January 27, 2018

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

**V. Consent Agenda:**

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

- Financial Reports dated January 2018;

- Leave of absence submitted by Susan Geissler, Har-Bur Middle School; effective January 16, 2018 to the conclusion of the 2017/2018 school year
- Leave of absence submitted by Kelly Smith; Har-Bur Middle School; Wellness Teacher; effective February 20, 2018 to on or about March 27, 2018
- A notice to retire by Martha Rouleau; Dean-of-Students; Har-Bur Middle School; effective with the conclusion of the 2017/2018 school year
- The appointment of Rachel Lacourciere as a long-term substitute; Grade 5; from January 23, 2018 to on or about March 28, 2018 (possibly extended)

For the record there were no resignations.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Public Participation:**

**Dawn Czepiel**  
**383 George Washington Turnpike**

Her daughter applied to Wamogo and has been waitlisted. She asked the Board to expand their current allotment of three so that her daughter may attend.

**Stacey Foote**  
**459 Clearview Avenue**  
**Harwinton**

Her son applied to Wamago and has been waitlisted. Pleaded with the Board to make the extra slots available to the students.

**Nell Sweeney**  
**449 Clearview Avenue**  
**Harwinton**

Spoke in support of Stacey Foote's son, Ricky Foote, who has applied to, and would like to, attend Wamago.

**Melissa Roderick**  
**163 Leadmine Brook Road**  
**Harwinton**

Ms. Roderick has three boys who receive special education services, which has afforded her the opportunity to work with many staff members. She currently has a child who attends Wamago and is very pleased with his experience. She expressed her concern for, and was sympathetic to, the district's budgetary and staffing issues, but noted that the district needs to

create as many pathways as possible for all students to be successful and is looking forward to what the Board has to say in that arena.

**Washington Winn  
2 Kings Grant  
Burlington**

Inquired about the tuition and transportation costs per student to attend Wamago, which was noted to be \$6,823. He also inquired about transportation to magnet schools, which the district may soon be on the hook for.

**VII. Actions:**

**A. Model United Nations Club Field Trip**

A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the field trip as presented:

**Further Discussion:**

The district has a policy whereby previously successful field trips, which were approved/accepted by the Board, only require one action. However, it was determined that this particular field trip is a new opportunity under the umbrella of the Model U.N. conference, not the annual forum. That being said, it went on to be approved by the Board.

Eight were in favor; Paul Omichinski opposed for procedural purposes; motion carried.

**B. Recommendations of the Finance Committee**

Three items were brought forward from the Finance Committee for a final approval:

**Motion**

On a motion from the committee to authorize the Superintendent to immediately replace three lifts at Harwinton Consolidated School;

**Further Discussion**

Finance Committee Chair, Paul Omichinski noted that this was not only essential, but the right thing to do.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

To direct the Superintendent of Schools to provide a refund of the fiscal year 2016/2017 operating surplus of \$151,701 and \$75,465 to the towns of Burlington and Harwinton respectively to offset the fiscal year 2017/2018 budget. Such refunds will be reflected as credits against the town payments in fiscal year 2018/2019. The remaining surplus of \$248,585 be transferred into the district's capital reserve for the following uses, \$150,000 for the district's technology initiative for the

purchase of hardware and \$98,585 for paving at Harwinton Consolidated school.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

Invite the Burlington and Harwinton Boards of Finance to appoint a member of their committee to serve as non-voting members of the Regional School District #10 Board of Finance committee

**Amended Motion:**

Should read.....Regional School District #10 Board of "**Education**' Finance Committee

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. Recommendations of the Curriculum Committee

Four courses were brought forward from the Curriculum Committee for final approval:

**Motion**

To accept/approve the following courses:

- Math/AP Computer Science Principles
- Career and Technical Education/Digital Photography 2
- World Language/UCONN ECE Spanish 3179, Spanish Conversation: Cultural Topics
- World Language/UCONN French 3268, Grammar and Composition

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. Business:**

A. Teacher Leadership Monthly Update

Darren Murphy reported that the committee was working hard behind the scenes regarding their proposal and presentation anticipated for the March Board meeting and are presently collecting data from all the school districts in Connecticut. The Stratford school district is looking to start a council and asked for support and guidance.

B. Regional School District #10 2019/2020 Calendar

Presented for a first review with a second expected at the March meeting. Peter Bogen, who heads the committee, thanked all participating members for their input.

Two items driving the calendar discussions were professional development and how to start the school year.

**IX. Standing Board Committee Reports**

- A. Facilities: Addressing building environmental controls
- B. Curriculum: Presented earlier in the agenda
- C. Superintendent's Evaluation: Proceeding as planned
- D. Finance Committee: Met on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and presented the three action items presented earlier in the agenda
- E. CREC: John Vecchitto reported that he will be attending the legislative breakfast slated for Thursday. He also reported on Magnet school funding.
- F. Technology: Planning a BoE presentation in April
- G. Ad hoc Athletic Conference Committee: Met this evening prior to the regular meeting, by next BoE meeting in March should have something more substantial.

**X. \*Upcoming Meetings**

Monday, February 26, 2018, Budget Workshop

Monday, March 5, 2018, Budget Workshop

Monday, March 12, 2018, Regular Meeting


Monday, March 26, 2018, Public Hearing

\*Schedule is based upon weather conditions

**XI. Adjourn:**

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Phillip Penn to adjourn the meeting at 8: 40 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Eleanor Parente, Secretary

3/12/18  
Date

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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