

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Budget Workshop
Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, February 26, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Thomas Fausel, Chairman
Bruce Guillemette, Vice Chairman
Paul Omichinski
Eleanor Parente
John Vecchitto
Wendy Darasz
Assuntina (Susan) Baccarro
Brooke Joiner (arrived 7:05)

APPROVED
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Absent:

Phillip Penn
John Goodno

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
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. Superintendent's Report
 1. Update of the 2018-2019 Estimate of Expenses

Superintendent Beitman reported that there was no change in the Estimate-of-Expenses since the presentation on February 12th, which depicted an \$85,197 or .21 % increase over last year's adopted budget.

The Board had requested consideration of including \$35,000 in the Estimate-of-Expenses, an additional .09% for an overall total of \$120,197 or a .30% increase.

At this juncture, there were no new resignations, retirements or leaves of absence to report as those generally generate some savings for the district depending on the position and the location. Two additional factors the Board was asked to keep in mind included the CREC Magnet school tuition, which has not been resolved to date and that the Legislature meeting could equate to additional unfunded mandates.

IV. Board of Education Review of the 2018-2019 Estimate of Expenses.

Building administrators from each of the four schools sat before the Board and provided a brief commentary on their respective budgets.

Lewis S. Mills High School/Athletics/Har-Bur Middle School/Media Center

Mr. Rau indicated that Mr. Francalanga was doing a good job keeping all of the athletic programs intact without increasing dollars. Most of the upsurges in the budget lines at the high school stemmed from realigning funds from central office to the appropriate line items at the high school. One additional significant monetary increase to account for was the cost of the anticipated NEASC visit.

At the middle school level, the addition of a fifth grade counselor was presented. With the administrative reorganization this year, there are currently two Dean of Student positions at the middle school level. It was proposed that one of those positions be reclassified as a grade 5 counselor.

Lake Garda School/Harwinton Consolidated School

Principals Stefanie Anderson and Megan Mazzei worked in tandem to align their budgets at the elementary school level.

Of significance relevance was the decrease in textbooks. It was noted that teachers prefer printing some of the workbook pages and are utilizing smartboards, which has equated to a cost saving measures, as well as being more efficient.

Student Support Services

Linda Carabis, the Director of Student Support Services, stated that the number of students that move in and out of the district with special needs can create wild swings in the special education budget, the most volatile budget in the district.

Increases in transportation and tuition costs were noted as the most significant increases in the proposed special education budget for 2018/2019.

Special education costs are also incurred for special education students who live in the district and attend magnet schools.

Curriculum and Instruction/Technology

Ms. Cheri Burke, the Director of Student Learning, provided justification for the Curriculum and Instruction budget. There was some reallocation of funds to line items at the school level where the monies belonged, i.e. PSAT testing.

Additionally, Harwinton Consolidated School is no longer designated as a Title I school, which translated to an increase in the 320 line as grant dollars were shifted.

For the past two years \$50,000 had been allocated for the STEM initiative and were reflected in the 610 supply line. The proposed funding for the 2018/2019 budget signified a reduction of 50% as a good majority of staff have been trained in Next Gen Science Strategies and Implementation.

Mr. Leigh Pont, Technology Head Teacher, noted that there are four line items that comprise the technology budget. The sum of those budget line items indicate a decrease from last year's budget in the amount of \$20,000.

Facilities and Maintenance

Mr. David Fortin, the Director of Facilities and Maintenance, discussed each line item that comprised the maintenance budget. He indicated that they were at the "end of the attic stock", he had used most of the supply reserves.

Mr. Fortin noted that, although very pleased with the existing snow removal vendor, plans are to go out to bid.

District-wide Administration/Operations/Security

Ms. Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations, provided commentary for the district. Overall numbers were down, but a few increases in several line items were noted; legal, due to contract negotiations, diesel fuel oil, and tuition noted as the largest increase.

V. Public Participation

Stacy Foote

Ms. Foote spoke on behalf of her son and the other six children who applied to Wamogo and are currently waitlisted. She noted that it was the school's duty to meet the needs of all students.

VI. Budget workshops will be held on:

Monday, March 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center –
(cancelled)

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto to cancel the budget workshop dated Monday, March 5, 2018; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Monday, March 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center
Monday, March 26, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Lewis S. Mills High School Auditorium (Public Hearing)

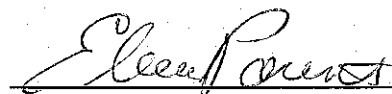
Monday, March, 26, 2018, Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Immediately Following Public Hearing

Monday, April 30, 2018, Annual Meeting on District Budget

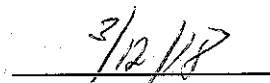
VII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Eleanor Parente, Secretary



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