

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Har-Bur Middle School
The Learning Center
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, May 14, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Thomas Fausel, Chairman
Bruce Guillemette, Vice Chairman
Eleanor Parente
Wendy Darasz
John Goodno
Paul Omichinski
Assuntina (Susan) Baccaro
John Vecchitto
Brooke Joiner
Phillip Penn (*Arrived 7:05 p.m.)

APPROVED
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6/11/18

Absent:

Savanna Arcuri, Student Representative

Also Present:

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

- I. Call to Order:
Board Chairman Thomas Fausel called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Mr. Fausel led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Communications:
 - A. Student Representatives' Reports:
With the conclusion of the school year swiftly approaching, there were numerous year-end activities to report on including AP exams, National Honor Society Inductions, prom festivities, final assessments, and the Relay for Life.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. An updated version of the year-end activities was provided to each of the board members. Board members designated to speak were highlighted in yellow.

*Phillip Penn arrived 7:05 p.m.

2. Superintendent Beitman and Board Chairman Thomas Fausel paid homage to Timothy Mischke and Robert Stickle, Region 10 staff members, who were selected as this year's recipients of the Youth and Community Development Award.
3. Dr. Jodiann Tenney, World Language Coordinator for the district, provided an update on two very successful recent field trips to Spain and France. Students who participated were present and provided commentaries on their experiences.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

- Special Meeting, Saturday, May 5, 2018
- Annual District Meeting on Budget, Monday, April 30, 2018
- Regular Meeting; Monday, April 9, 2018
- Special Meeting/Expulsion Hearing, Tuesday, March 27, 2018

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Phillip Penn to accept/approve the minutes with the following amendments:

1. Minutes dated Saturday, May 5, 2018 the arrival time for Assuntina (Susan) Baccaro should be noted as 8:18 "a.m."
2. Minutes dated Monday April 9, 2018, Item VII., subsection A, change phrasing to read "Mr. John Vecchitto has been meeting regularly and has done an 'extensive' amount of research."

All in favor; none opposed; Wendy Darasz abstained from the meeting dated April 9, 2018; motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Financial reports dated April 2018;
- B. A leave of absence requested by Amanda Corwin; Language Arts Consultant; Lake Garda School; 2018/2019 school year;
- C. A notice of resignation submitted by Linda Flynn; Business Teacher; Lewis S. Mills High School; at the conclusion of the 17/18 school year
- D. A notice of resignation submitted by Linda Misani; Grade 6 teacher; Lake Garda School; at the conclusion of the 17/18 school year
- E. A notice of resignation submitted by Alicia Rigdon; Grade 3 Teacher; Lake Garda School; at the conclusion of the 17/18 school year

For the record there were no retirements or appointments.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Participation
There was no public participation

VII. Actions:

- A. A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee to adopt *College Physics; a strategic approach, AP Edition*, textbook by Pearson Education Inc. for students in grades 11-12; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- B. A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto to disband the Central Connecticut Conference ad hoc committee

Further Discussion

Mr. Vecchitto stated that the members of the committee met the duty they were charged with and disbanding the committee was currently the appropriate action to take.

Ms. Joiner felt it was premature to disband the committee in light of a scheduled public hearing, where hundreds of people were anticipated to attend and many expected to voice their opinions. She said there was no reason why the disbandment could not occur in June.

Six were in favor; Brooke Joiner and John Goodno opposed; motion carried.

- C. There are a number of students that live in the district that do not attend schools in Region 10, nor do they participate in sports or any other activities offered by the district. Mr. Penn mentioned that students, although they may participate in their attending school events, sometimes feel disengaged in their own community.

He solicited members of the board and asked if anyone had an interest in forming an ad hoc committee to address student involvement in their home communities.

A motion was made by Phillip Penn and seconded by Paul Omichinski to establish an ad hoc Board of Education Committee to address student involvement; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Those who expressed an interest in sitting on the committee included Phillip Penn, who was designated the chair, Wendy Darasz and Eleanor Parente.

VIII. Business:

- A. Jamie Mischke and Bethany Ratiac, both members of the Teacher Leadership Council (TLC), provided the board with a monthly update. They mentioned that several visitors from Stratford would be participating in the TLC meeting scheduled for June 6th with hopes to incorporate the concept in their district.

The committee is also accepting applications to replace one member from each school in the district that was stepping down.

The members also expressed their gratitude to the board for their approval of early release time to be used for professional development in the ensuing school year.

- B. As part of the new 20/20 process, the NEASC requires districts to examine their core values and beliefs and create what is termed the "Vision of the Graduate". Dr. Tenney, Campus Principal Rau, and Director of Student Learning, Cheri Burke explained the measures they took to create Region 10's vision, a copy of which was included in the board packet.

The vision expanded on the district's current mission statement by delineating the Inquisitive Learners, Innovative Leaders, and Responsible Citizens.

The document is anticipated to be before the board for a vote to accept/approve at the June 11th meeting.

- C. A field trip proposal was brought to the board by the girls' softball team, under the leadership of high school varsity coach, David Bohmer. The field trip, which was deemed a program and team building experience, entailed traveling to Florida in the spring of 2019. A preliminary meeting was held with parents with coach Bohmer indicating that there were still many unknowns at this point in time. The cost of the trip for each player to attend is approximately \$1600 each.

As a first review item by the board, member Paul Omichinski strongly encouraged the team to revisit the board with a plan, including details on chaperoning and fundraising. It is expected to be before the board for a second review in June 11th with an anticipated vote to accept/approve.

IX. Committee Reports:

A. Board Committee Reports:

1. Facilities: Will attempt to meet again before end of school year
2. Curriculum: Textbook was approved by Board
3. Superintendent's Evaluation: Planning a meeting for next week
4. Finance:
No other updates. Waiting to hear from the First Selectmen's regarding representation on the Board of Education's Board of Finance committee
5. CREC:
Next year 3% increase, following year the projection is an 18% increase; still have not received their transportation funds; created sustainability workshops and committees. Bottom line is the state has not fulfilled their obligations.
6. Technology: (1:22)
 - A. Technology Plan Presentation

A current undertaking of the committee is the "Phased Implementation Approach for 1:1 PLD Devices" also known as Personalized Learning Devices where each student will be provided with their own laptop. This initiative will commence at in the fall for students in grades 9-12 and then will move to Har-Bur Middle School and onto the elementary levels.

This is phase one of a multi-year plan that includes upgrades to technology at all four schools. This plan will bring significant change to the high school students as they enter the 2018/2019 school year. A 1:1 environment grants Region 10 the unique opportunity to transform the teaching and learning experiences for all of its students and more sufficiently to prepare them for the challenges of their future.

7. Ad hoc Athletic Conference Committee: Disbanded

X. Next Meeting:

Anticipated Special Meeting; May, 21, 2018; 7:00 p.m.; Lewis S. Mills High School to allow public commentary on the district's move from the Berkshire League to the Central Connecticut Conference


Regular Meeting; June 11, 2018; 7:00 p.m.; Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center

XI. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 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