

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
The Learning Center
Har-Bur Middle School
 26 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
 Monday, September 9, 2019
 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Thomas Fausel, Chairman
 Eleanor Parente
 John Vecchitto
 John Goodno
 Paul Omichinski
 Bruce Guillemette
 Dean Cowger
 Assuntina (Susan) Baccaro
 Brooke Joiner

Absent:

Wendy Darasz

Also Present:

Howard Thiery, Superintendent
 Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning
 Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
 Patricia George, Board Clerk
 Kathryn Bergstrom, Senior Class Student Representative
 Samuel DiSorbo, Junior Class Student Representative

<i>Call to Order</i>	The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Thomas Fausel at 7:00 p.m.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
<i>Special Guests/Recognition</i>	Superintendent Thiery paid homage to Region 10's Teacher-of-the-Year, Lisa Melingonis. He shared some of the words a colleague used to describe her in their ToY nomination submission. Each of the building principals introduced their newest staff members and provided a noteworthy fact on each.

	High School Principal, Chris Rau, presented the Student Board Representatives, Kathryn Bergstrom and Samuel DiSorbo.
Brief Recess 7:14 – 7:19	
Communications	<p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> <u>Enrollment</u></p> <p>Enrollment for the start of the school year was noted as 2,217.</p> <p>A handout was provided depicting the enrollment broken down by school, grade, number of sections and the average number of students per section.</p> <p>Per the request of a board member, it was determined that a report on how enrollment numbers at the opening of school compare to enrollment predictions during the budget process would be made available to all board members.</p> <p><u>Policy 5113.1 Non-Resident Twelfth Grade Student Attendance</u></p> <p>There are currently three, non-resident students who have been permitted to conclude their senior year at Lewis S. Mills High School according to Policy 5113.1.</p> <p><u>Student Representatives' Reports:</u> Kathryn Bergstrom and Samuel DiSorbo</p> <p>Reports included the appreciation of senior privileges and other opportunities afforded the class, Link Crew training, the distribution of new laptops, and the Student Senate project on spreading school pride.</p>
Approval of Minutes	<p>A motion was made by Eleanor Parente and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the minutes as presented:</p> <p><u>Minutes:</u> Regular Meeting dated Monday, June 3, 2019 Special Meeting dated Monday, June 15, 2019 Special Meeting dated Monday, July 31, 2019 Facilities Committee dated Wednesday, September 4, 2019</p> <p>All in favor, none opposed, Eleanor Parente and Susan Baccaro abstained from minutes dated Monday, June 3, 2019 due to absence; motion carried unanimously.</p>

<p>Consent Agenda</p>	<p>A motion to accept/approve the financials as presented was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>A. Financials dated June 30, 2019 (unaudited); July 31, 2019; August 31, 2019</p> <p>A motion to accept/approve the resignations, retirements, and appointments as presented was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Susan Baccaro; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resignation submitted by Caroline Luke; Art 2. Resignation submitted by Amy Watson; PE/Health 3. Resignation submitted by Christina Janssen; Grade 6 4. Resignation submitted by Shama Greene; Grade K 5. Resignation submitted by Kellan Mahford; Music 6. Resignation submitted by Dawn Marie Conroy; Music 7. Resignation submitted by Kathryn Blore; Associate Principal 8. Resignation submitted by Nicholas Teodosio; Grade 6 9. Resignation submitted by Stephanie Williams; School Counselor 10. Resignation submitted by Cheri Burke; Director of Student Learning 11. Notice to retire submitted by David Fortin; Director of Facilities 12. Appointment of Elizabeth Sears; Special Education 13. Appointment of Meghan Ramsey, Special Education 14. Appointment of Hannah O'Hazo, Special Education 15. Appointment of Amanda Pacheco, Special Education 16. Appointment of Anna Kallman, Social Worker 17. Appointment of Ashley Bolella; Social Worker 18. Appointment of Alexa Mattiello; Grade 3 19. Appointment of Ashley Longo; Art 20. Appointment of Howard Thiery; Superintendent 21. Appointment of Jessica Gionfriddo; Kindergarten 22. Appointment of Julie Morrison; Music 23. Appointment of Richard Silva; Grade 5 24. Appointment of Kara Cook; Music 25. Appointment of Kristin Mosimann; Grade 5 <p>For the record, there were no Leaves of Absence.</p>
<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>There was no Public Participation</p>

Action Items

Resolution concerning the authorization of refunding bonds:

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the resolution concerning the authorization of refunding bonds as presented then read by Mr. Omichinski for the record:

**RESOLUTION OF REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,400,000 REFUNDING
BONDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST
AND ANY CALL PREMIUM ON \$3,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS,
ISSUE OF 2010 OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 10, AND COSTS
RELATED THERETO**

RESOLVED,

(a) That Regional School District Number 10 of the State of Connecticut issue its refunding bonds, in an amount not to exceed TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,400,000) the proceeds of which are hereby appropriated: (1) to fund one or more escrows, and to apply the balance held in such escrows, together with the investment earnings thereon, to the payment in whole or in part, as to be determined by the Chairman of the Board of Education and the Treasurer of the District, of the outstanding principal of and interest and any call premium on the District's \$3,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2010, including the payment of interest accrued on said bonds to the date of payment, and (2) to pay costs of issuance of the refunding bonds authorized hereby, including legal fees, consultants' fees, trustee or escrow agent fees, underwriters' fees, bond insurance premiums, net interest and other financing costs and other costs related to the payment of the outstanding bonds described above. The refunding bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 10-60a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds shall be general obligations of the District and its member towns, secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the District and its member towns.

(b) The Chairman of the Board of Education and the Treasurer of the District shall sign the bonds by their manual or facsimile signatures. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds. The Chairman and the Treasurer, or such other officer or body to whom the Board of Education delegates the authority to make such determinations, are authorized to determine the bonds to be redeemed and the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the refunding bonds; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds; to sell the bonds at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds.

(c) That the District hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that costs of the refunding may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the District reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the refunding. The Chairman and the Treasurer, or such other officer or body to whom the Board of Education delegates such authority, are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the District pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(d) That the Chairman and the Treasurer, or such other officer or body to whom the Board of Education delegates such authority, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds.

(e) That the Chairman and the Treasurer, or such other officer or body to whom the Board of Education delegates such authority, are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the District to effectuate the refunding of all or a portion of the District's outstanding \$3,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2010, and to issue refunding bonds authorized hereby for such purposes, including, but not limited to, the entrance into agreements on behalf of the District with underwriters, trustees, escrow agents, bond insurers and others to facilitate the issuance of the refunding bonds, the escrow of the proceeds thereof and investment earnings thereon, and the payment of the outstanding bonds in whole or in part.

(f) That the above authorization to issue refunding bonds shall lapse on February 15, 2020.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously

Donation

A **motion** was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve a donation made by members of the Harwinton Consolidated School PTO of an A/V System for use in

the multi-purpose room and a portable AV System; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

AV System: \$10,726.52
Portable AV System: \$579.99

Superintendent Thiery expressed his appreciation for the donation on multiple levels; the generosity of the donation itself and what it will do for the schools and the opportunity to design policy and procedures embodying this form of capital level donation for the future.

Principal Megan Mazzei expressed how fortunate they are at Harwinton Consolidated School to have not only the gym, but the multi-purpose room as well. Over the years, they have had to piece together an audio/visual system. She was happy to have the opportunity of a complete system, a wish list item of hers for a number of years.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Graduation Date for Lewis S. Mills

In prior years, members of the Board would vote to empower the Superintendent to declare the graduation date on April 1st.

Legislation, which was signed into effect July 2019 by the Governor, allows for school districts moving forward, to set graduation for the 180th day and for that date to be approved earlier in the school year. The only contingency provides that the date be on the 180th day of the “planned” school calendar, “planned” being the key expression, which would have been previously accepted and approved by the Board.

The date requested by Principal Rau for the 2019/2020 school year is June 10th. The Warner Theatre is available and has been tentatively secured pending Board approval.

Superintendent Thiery indicated that, statutorily, the Board should set the graduation date.

A **motion** was made by Bruce Guillemette to set the graduation date for the Class of 2020 as June 10, 2020; seconded by Eleanor Parente; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Business

Teacher Leadership Council Monthly Update:

With the start of the new school year, the council is just getting off the ground with co-chairs Doreen O’Sullivan and Katie Lenehan leading the group. Lisa Melingonis, as the Region 10’s Teacher-of-the-Year, received an honorary seat and was extended an invitation to join the council.

Professional Learning Days Update: Handout

A personalized professional learning plan for 2019/2020 was created by Ms. Burke, the Director of Student Learning, over the summer months. Pulled a more comprehensive plan together with all of the emphasis on student learning.

The plan, in brochure format, is at the printers and will be disseminated to 100% of the district’s staff on September 18th.

Kids-in-the-Middle, Year-End Report:

Joseph Masi, Har-Bur Middle School Principal, provided a Kids-in-the-Middle year-end report.

The program provides students the opportunity to work in the community in varying capacities.

Board Committee Reports

Facilities:

Met last week - reviewed work which was completed over the course of the summer break. Almost everything on the “to do” list has been completed, with the band room as the only exception.

It was also noted that a number of trees on the property were being lost due to disease.

Need to pick out the Spirit Rock.

Curriculum:

Board members sitting on the committee will meet on September 18th with the Superintendent and Director of Student Learning to review restructuring points.

Superintendent’s Evaluation:

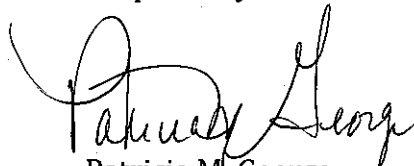
Paul Omichinski commented, so far so good
Superintendent Thiery has been briefed on the evaluation timeline.


Finance Committee:

Tentative meeting September 30th

	<p><u>CREC:</u> John Vecchitto indicated that CREC has not met yet; scores have been disseminated with regards to Smarter Balance</p> <p><u>Technology:</u> Plans are to meet soon with a focus on a 3 to 5 year plan</p> <p><u>Diversity:</u> No report – meeting this week</p> <p><u>Executive Search Committee</u> It was the consensus of the Board to disband the Executive Search Committee</p> <p>Board Chair, Thomas Fausel, indicated that the Board has formed another subcommittee - Region 10 Central Connecticut Conference CCC Assessment Committee. Members include John Vecchitto, serving as chair; Brooke Joiner, Dean Cowger, and Thomas Fausel.</p> <p>Established a purpose statement to develop an assessment metrics that will be used to objectively measure the effectiveness of the movement into the CCC and to develop recommended reporting protocols to the BoE of the above assessment metrics which includes trend analysis, observations and recommended action plans, if needed. Met once so far – will meet again Wednesday, September 11th.</p>
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Regular Meeting; Monday, October 7, 2019
<i>Adjourn</i>	A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to adjourn the meeting at 8:10; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia M. George
Board Clerk

Approval:  Date: 10/7/19
Eleanor Parente, Board Secretary

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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