

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Lewis S. Mills High School Auditorium
26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013
Monday, February 22, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Phillip Penn, Chairman
Paul Omichinski
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman
Corey Rewenko
John Goodno
John Vecchitto
Bruce Guillemette
Brooke Joiner
Susan Baccaro
Eleanor Parente

Absent: n/a

Also Present:

Alan Beitman, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Brian Drisdelle, Student Representative
Jenna Sadecki, Student Representative
Patricia George, Recording Secretary

- I. Call to Order:
Board Chair, Phillip Penn called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
Phillip Penn led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Communications:
 - A. Student Representatives' Reports
Jenna Sadecki and Brian Drisdelle reported on activities at the high school including the NFLHS Annual Cultural Extravaganza, Annual Senior Citizen Bingo, Band Winter concert, Math Team Competition, winter dance, and sports teams' activities.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Radon Update

Radon testing was recently performed in all district facilities with one anomaly, the media center office at Lake Garda School. A remediation system has been put in place.

2. Presentation of the 2016/2017 Estimate of Expenses

The 2016/2017 Estimate of Expenses was developed using a zero based budget process tied to student needs.

Major drivers in the increase can be identified in five areas: Special Education Costs, Certified Staff Salaries, Non-Certified Staff Salaries, Bonding Interest and Principal and other.

Recommended new funds, not included in the Estimate of Expenses, total \$231,500. Total proposed new funds were \$250,072.

The anticipated 2016/2017 increase is \$1,038,952 or 2.73%, 1.33 percentage points of the increase is a direct result of higher special education costs. The figure does not include new funds. Burlington's share is 1.80% and Harwinton .93%.

IV. Approval of the Board of Education Minutes:

- A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated January 11, 2016
- B. Special Meeting/Board of Education Workshop dated Saturday, January 16, 2016
- C. Technology Committee dated Tuesday, January 19, 2016

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the minutes as presented; nine in favor; none opposed; Susan Baccaro abstained from the minutes dated January 11th and January 16th; motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Financial Reports dated January 2016:
A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Bruce Guillemette to accept/approve the financial reports dated January 2016; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Appointments: n/a
- C. Leaves of Absence:
A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Brooke Joiner to accept/approve the leave of absence as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- D. Resignations: n/a

E. Retirements:
Superintendent Beitman paid homage to the staff members who submitted their letters of retirement; Joy Wolman, Nina Fournier, and Norma Ingram. The Board members echoed the Superintendent's sentiments.

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

VI. Public Participation

Five student athletes spoke in favor of the 7/8 Field Hockey team and asked that the Board consider making it an official team at Har-Bur Middle School

Steven Jackson
1 Westview Road
Burlington

Supports the 7/8 Field Hockey Team

Mary Ellen Connors
36 Village Lane
Harwinton

Addressed the Board regarding the recent termination of a bus driver (Fred) from All-Star Transportation

Elizabeth O'Connell
34 Millbrook Lane
Harwinton

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Nicole Criss
20 Branch Road
Harwinton

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Jennifer Marchetti-Torsiello
374 Scoville Hill Road
Harwinton

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Brief Recess 8:18 p.m.
Return to session 8:23 p.m.

VII. Actions:

- A. Policy #6165 Responsible Use Policy
Acceptable Use Policy will now be referred to as Responsible Use Policy.

A motion was made by Thomas Fausel and seconded by Corey Rewenko to accept/approve Policy #6165 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Board of Education Long Term Goals

Mr. Penn pointed out that Board goals for the next two to three years were included in the Board packet of materials.

A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the Board Goals as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Business:

There was no report.

IX. Committee Reports:

There were no reports.

X. Upcoming Meetings

Thomas Fausel surveyed the Board members and asked for assistance with reviewing the Youth and Community Development Award nominations. Interested Board members were asked to contact Tom.

Mr. Penn reminded the Board of the upcoming budget workshops and the Board meeting in March.


XI. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Paul Omichinski to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education at 8:42 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



John Vecchitto, 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