

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**Lewis S. Mills Auditorium**  
**26 LYON ROAD, BURLINGTON, CT 06013**  
Monday, November 14, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Phillip Penn, Board Chairman  
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman  
John Vecchitto  
Eleanor (Ellie) Parente  
Bruce Guillemette  
Corey Rewenko  
Paul Omichinski

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**Absent:**

Brooke Joiner  
Susan Baccaro  
John Goodno

**Also Present:**

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

- I. Call to Order:  
Board Chairman Phillip Penn called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Mr. Penn led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. Communications:
  - A. Invited Guests/Elected Officials

Elected officials from the towns of Harwinton and Burlington are invited annually to the November Board of Education meeting and are afforded an opportunity to provide an update regarding the economic climate of their individual towns. The information is taken into consideration as Region 10 initiates the budget process for the ensuing school year. Mr. Theodore Shafer, Mr. Gerald Mullen and Mr. Michael Criss were all on hand and provided commentaries.

**B. Superintendent's Report**

An ongoing priority of the Board has been to improve the high school late evening swim times, which have been occurring over the past few years. Athletic Director, David Francalanga, has been working diligently to address the situation and beginning this year more favorable times have been established utilizing the YMCA in Winsted and Miss Porters in Farmington.

Preliminary discussions are underway as the district explores a possible league change from the Berkshire League to the Central Connecticut Conference. An informational session for parents is planned for December 6, 2016 in the Lewis S. Mills Auditorium.

**C. Student Representatives' Reports: Savanna Arcuri & Brian Drisdelle**

This month's student reports covered topics relating to athletic standings, recent club activities, and the culmination of the first quarter with the distribution of report cards.

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

- A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, October 3, 2016
- B. Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Thursday, October 13, 2016

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

**Amendment**

Board member, John Vecchitto, asked that the minutes from Regular Meeting dated October 3, 2016 be amended to read as follows:

**Section VIII. Business, Item B**

**First Amendment:**

"Although membership is not inexpensive at just under \$10,000 per year" to "Although membership is not inexpensive at \$9,700 (with half of that in the first year)"

**Second Amendment:**

"Some Board members expressed concern" to "A Board member expressed concern...."

all in favor; none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

- V. Consent Agenda:  
A motion was made by Corey Rewenko and seconded by John Vecchitto to accept/approve the consent agenda items as presented;

**Further Discussion**

Superintendent Beitman introduced Ms. Katie Blore who, upon Board approval, will be the newly appointed Assistant Principal of Lewis S. Mills.

all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Brief Recess

The Board reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

- VI. Public Participation  
There was no public participation

- VII. Actions:  
There were no action items

VIII. Business:

A. A draft of the 2017/2018 Board of Education meeting schedule was provided to the members as a first review with final acceptance and adoption planned for the December 12, 2016 meeting.

B. Members of the Teacher's Leadership Council meet regularly at the district level and are representative of the district's four schools. Council members Susan Geissler and Cheryl Hedrick were on hand and provided the Board with an update of their endeavors.

The purpose of teacher leadership is to increase teacher voice. Through a recent survey conducted by the council, it was determined that teachers desire more meaningful time in Professional Learning Communities also known as PLCs, a group of educators that meet regularly to share their expertise and work collaboratively to improve the academic performance of students.

Moving forward, the need for additional time was a significant consideration.

C. Four proposed courses for the high school were presented as a first read with action for approval scheduled for next month. Cheri Burke, Director of Student Learning, provided a brief synopsis of each of the courses under consideration for adoption.

D. Ms. Burke prepared a presentation of the 2016 SAT, CAPT, CMT and Smarter Balanced Results. The presentation objectives included Background Information, SBA Results by Grade District, CMT/CAPT Results, AP Assessment Data, PSAT Assessment Data, SAT Results by District and Reflections and Next Steps.

Ms. Burke recapped her presentation by stating that standardized assessments are a one day, one snap shot of a child's ability. She is extremely proud of the growth the district is seeing through its own data collection efforts in the classroom, school and at the district level. The data is being tracked very closely to ensure that teachers have the right tools at their fingertips to help students progress.

- E. Superintendent Beitman offered a draft of his 2016/2017 goals. There are four primary goals with several as a continuation from last year's. He asked that the Board members take time over the next few weeks to review each of the goals and provide relevant feedback. He indicated that the goals are a good measure of where priorities need to be. His goals will be presented at the December 12, 2016 meeting for consideration of adoption.

IX. Committee Reports:

A. Board Committee Reports:

1. Facilities: No Report
2. Curriculum: Eleanor Parente spoke and noted that the committee met at the beginning of November. She was happy to report that the classes that were approved last year are all doing well. The Program of Studies was also reviewed.
3. Superintendent's Evaluation: Paul Omichinski noted that the committee worked through several drafts of the Superintendent's goals and the format to use. Encouraged Board members to take some time to review the goals and provide any applicable feedback.
4. Finance: No Report
5. CREC: John Vecchitto, who is on the subcommittee for the Legislative Committee for CREC, noted that they are just about completed with their second draft of what they plan to move forward in the Legislature. He hopes to have a draft for the Board by next month.
6. Technology: Thomas Fausel indicated that the committee met last Monday. The results of two surveys were shared, a student survey and a teacher's survey, which had 99% participation. A three year plan and comprehensive vision are current intentions of the committee.

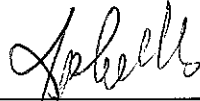
XI. Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m.; Har-Bur Middle School Learning Center - Invited Guest, Mr. Robert Radar of CAFE

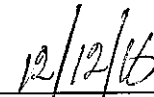
XII. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Bruce Guillemette and seconded by Corey Rewenko to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:56 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