

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2011
REGION 10 BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP
THE LEARNING CENTER**

Board Members Present:

Joseph Arcuri – Chairman
Jeanne Doerr
Kathy Deprey
Beth Duffy
Paul Omichinski
Phillip Penn
Ted Scheidel
Elaine Schiavone
Ray Sikora, Vice Chairman
Noel Turner

Absent:

Also Present:

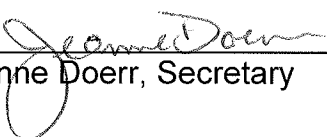
Alan Beitman Superintendent of Schools
Michael Landry Assistant Superintendent
David Lenihan Business Manager

Chairman of the Board, Joseph Arcuri, called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	CALL TO ORDER
<p><u>Modification to the Previously Approved Har-Bur Middle School Student Government Trip to Washington DC:</u> Mr. Beitman explained that there was an anticipated change with regard to the Har-Bur Middle School Field Trip to Washington DC. He indicated that if the status does change he would bring it back to the Board on March 14, 2011 for approval.</p> <p><u>Superintendent’s Report:</u> Mr. Beitman indicated that there were no increases or decreases with regard to the 2011-2012 estimate of expenses. He said that the only change that could impact the estimate is the Project Choice request from Commissioner Coleman. He reviewed the current number of project choice students in Region 10 and the number of students Commissioner Coleman has requested Region 10 accept. He reviewed state funding and his concerns as they relate to Project Choice funding.</p>	COMMUNICATIONS
<p>Topics of Review: Athletics: Mr. Tanner reviewed positive statistics as they relate to student performance and participation in athletics. He reported that the most significant pending expense is the replacement of athletic uniforms. Over the last five (5) years there has been zero funding for the replacement of uniforms. Some teams have purchased their own uniforms, but he sees that they will be running into a difficult situation. The Board asked questions about how other schools handle budgeting</p>	BOARD’S REVIEW OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES

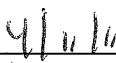
<p>for uniforms. Mr. Tanner discusses funding for a new poll vault pit, swim team scheduling, and he presented a team by team per athlete cost breakdown.</p> <p>Curriculum/Technology: Mr. Landry indicated that the curriculum budget is the funding that supports teachers and students and school programs. It includes, professional development, textbooks, teacher recruiting etc. Most items support what our teachers are doing in the classroom for our students. He reported that the curriculum budget totals \$93,000. He stated that each year, on a six-year rotation, we have different areas that we focus on with regard to new textbooks. He was asked if he notices any coloration between electronic books and a decline in that expense. Mr. Landry reported that he has not seen any reeducation at this time.</p> <p>Technology: Mr. Pont reviewed the technology budget. He reported an increase due to software updates. The driver behind the increase is that prior to three years ago each school had a significant technology budget. Three years ago \$50,000 was taken out of the school accounts and \$20,000 was put into the district budget for technology supplies. In this coming year's software budget there is \$16,500 for software that would have been purchased through the individual building budgets in prior years. Also, since there is a three-year replacement cycle this is the year the updates have come due. Mr. Pont typically negotiates additional years whenever possible to extend the cycle. He indicated that this specific software update funding would not be in the budget for another three years. Mr. Pont answered questions about the status of the current computers and indicated that now we are at about an 8-9 year replacement cycle. He indicated that he is beginning to see that many computers (about 1/3) cannot run all of the current software. He reported having about 300 PCs and about 900 Apple Computers district wide. He said that he is able to purchase both PCs and Macs for about the same price. He went on to answer questions.</p>	
<p>Tracy Cheske, Region 10 Special Education Bus Driver – Indicated that she is one of the three (3) bus drivers to be laid off at the end of this school year. She reviewed the All Star proposal and the associated cost and she reviewed the service the Region 10 Special Education bus drivers provide and questioned the cost savings.</p> <p>Jayne Stocker of Burlington – She spoke in favor of the Student Resource Officer program. She asked the Board to consider the estimate of expenses going beyond the essentials only. She feels it is time to consider increases that will support growth and improvement.</p> <p>Bruce Guillemette of Burlington – Asked Mr. Beitman about the cost of the Student Resource Officer and spoke in favor of bringing the Student Resource Officer back to the district.</p> <p>Michele Shingleton of Burlington – Said that she supports Jayne Stocker's comments and she spoke in favor of bringing the Student Resource Officer program back to Region 10.</p>	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>

<p>Special Education: Ms. Linda Carabis, Director of Student Support Services, presented an outline of the special services budget. She explained that she began with a zero based budget and worked from there. She reported a decrease this year over last year. She said that the decrease is due, in part, to the graduation of some out-placed students and a few more previously out-placed students that have been brought back into the district. The Board members discussed the challenges in budgeting for special education because of state funding and mandates.</p> <p>Preventative Maintenance Program Update: Mr. David Fortin, Supervisor of Building and Grounds, presented an update of the preventative maintenance program. He reviewed the benefits and savings associated with the preventative maintenance program.</p>	<p>BOARD'S CONTINUED REVIEW OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES</p>
<p>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Sikora and was seconded by Mr. Omichinski. All in favor none opposed. Motion carries. (8/0/0)</p> <p>The meeting ended at 10:02 pm.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,



 Jeanne Doerr, Secretary



 Date