

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013  
Monday, September 11, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

**Scott Ragaglia, Chairman**  
**Scott Savelle, Vice Chair**  
**Paul Omichinski, Treasurer**  
**Melanie Wilhelm, Secretary**  
**Cassandra DuBois**  
**Thomas Fausel**  
**Zach Rankin**  
**Matthew Szydlo**  
**John Vecchitto**

**Absent:**

**Dean Cowger**

**Also Present:**

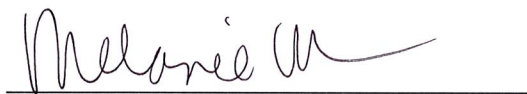
**Howard Thiery, Superintendent**  
**Vonetta Romeo Rivers, Director of Teaching and Learning**  
**Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations**  
**Kelly Lyder, Board Clerk**  
**Avery Dube, Senior at Lewis Mills**  
**Cameron Smith, Junior at Lewis Mills**

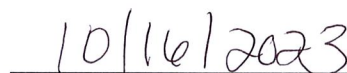
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| <b><i>Call to Order</i></b>        | The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Ragaglia, at 7:00 pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b><i>Pledge of Allegiance</i></b> | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b><i>Communication</i></b>        | <b><u>Student Representatives' Report:</u></b><br><br><b><u>Avery Dube</u></b> , returning student representative, reported to the Board that on Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> college representatives will be visiting Lewis Mills High School for students to learn about the colleges. The Senior class will be taking a trip to Boston in October. Both school sports and clubs have started.<br><br><b><u>Cameron Smith</u></b> , first year student representative, shared with the Board that school sports are going well. Girls Volleyball won their recent game, and the boys golf team is 1 and 1. |

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|                                       | <p><b><u>Superintendent's Report:</u></b> Superintendent Thiery reported to the Board that RSD 10 had a great opening for this school year and thanked BOE members that joined him on the 1<sup>st</sup> day to visit the schools.</p> <p>The Superintendent discussed the finances and legality of transportation for technical and vocational schools.</p> <p><b><u>Board Chair Report:</u></b> Chairman Ragaglia welcomed everyone back to a new school year. The Chairman discussed the difficulty with transportation in many school systems however, RSD10 district overall has been fortunate.</p>                                                                                                                                                |
| <b><i>Approval of Minutes</i></b>     | A <b><u>motion</u></b> was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the August 21, 2023; minutes as presented. 7 in favor; none opposed; 2 abstain; motion passed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b><i>Consent Agenda</i></b>          | <p><b><u>Approval of the Financial Report dated August 31, 2023, and Personnel Report:</u></b></p> <p>A <b><u>motion</u></b> was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Zach Rankin to accept/approve A &amp; B consent agenda items as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b><i>Public participation</i></b>    | No public participants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b><i>Business</i></b>                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b><i>Action Items</i></b>            | <p><b><u>HCS Donation:</u></b></p> <p>A <b><u>motion</u></b> was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept the Harwinton Consolidated School donation from PTO. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p> <p>A <b><u>motion</u></b> was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept the Harwinton Consolidated School donation from Healing Trails. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p> <p><b><u>Contract Renewal:</u></b></p> <p>A <b><u>motion</u></b> was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Tom Fausel to renew contracts for Director of Finance &amp; Operations, Director of Teaching &amp; Learning and Director of Student Services. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p> |
| <b><i>Board Committee Reports</i></b> | <p><b><u>Ad Hoc Athletic Strategic Planning</u></b> – No updates</p> <p><b><u>Building Committee</u></b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>Curriculum</u></b> – Next meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b><u>Communication</u></b> – The committee met this evening to discuss communication during budget season and the School Bell.</p> <p><b><u>Facilities</u></b> – Nothing to report.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                                 | <p><b><u>Finance</u></b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>Policy</u></b> – The committee is scheduled to met October 12<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b><u>Security</u></b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u></b> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><b><u>Technology</u></b> – Nothing to report.</p> |
| <b><i>Liaisons</i></b>          | <b><u>CREC</u></b> – Nothing to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b><i>Upcoming Meetings</i></b> | Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, October 16, 2023; 7:00pm.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b><i>Adjourn</i></b>           | A <b>motion</b> was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Paul Omichinski to adjourn at 7:32 pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.                                                                                                                                                                           |

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Lyder, Board Clerk





Melanie Wilhelm, Secretary

Date

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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.

