

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, October 16, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Thomas Fausel
Avery Dube, Senior at Lewis Mills

Also Present:

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

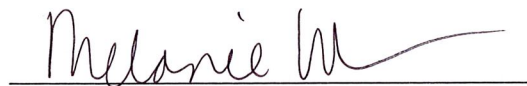
<i>Call to Order</i>	The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Ragaglia, at 7:00 pm.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
<i>Communication</i>	<u>Student Representatives' Report:</u> <u>Cameron Smith</u> shared with the Board that Lewis Mills students took their PSAT last week. This year the testing was administered online. The Senior class recently took a trip to Boston. Spirit week and Homecoming events are taking place at Lewis Mills. Sports update: The season is coming to an end and some teams are continuing to the playoffs. <u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Superintendent Thiery reported to the Board a statute recently was changed regarding kindergarten registration in enrollment ages. More information will be presented to the Board as the administration receives it.

	<u>Board Chair Report:</u> Chairman Ragaglia would like to look at the BOE committees next month with there being some changes to Board members.
<i>Approval of Minutes</i>	A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to accept/approve the September 11, 2023; minutes as presented. 8 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstain; motion passed.
<i>Consent Agenda</i>	<u>Approval of the Financial Report dated September 30, 2023, and Personnel Report:</u> A motion was made by Zach Rankin and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve consent agenda items as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Public participation</i>	Wendy Darasz – 781 South Rd. Harwinton Rachel McFadden – 15 Farm Ridge Burlington
<i>Business</i>	<u>Continuous Improvement Presentation Grade K-8</u> The Elementary and Middle School Principals presented the 2022-23 student achievement data and their 2023-24 School Continuous Improvement Plans. <u>Regular Meetings of the BOE Schedule 24-25:</u> The Board reviewed the 24-25 BOE schedule presented to them. <u>ECE Chemistry:</u> A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Zach Rankin to move the ECE Chemistry course proposal to the action items on the agenda. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Lewis Mills Europe Trip Spring 2025:</u> Becky Edwards, Joe Trahan and Jenn Otte presented and answered questions for the Board regarding the proposed Lewis Mills Europe trip for the spring 2025. <u>Policy Update:</u> Board members discussed two policies presented to them. Paul Omichinski would like the wording of “miniature horse” in statutory the description of service animals to be removed from the Dogs on School Property policy. A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Matt Szydlo to move the School Clubs and Activities policy to the action items on the agenda. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Action Items</i>	<u>ECE Chemistry course:</u> A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Zach Rankin to approve the ECE Chemistry course. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>LM Football Donation:</u>

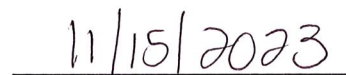
	A <u>motion</u> was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept the Lewis Mills High School donation from LSM Football Boosters. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>HCS PTO Donation:</u> A <u>motion</u> was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept the Harwinton Consolidated School donation from HCS PTO. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Policy School Clubs and Activities:</u> A <u>motion</u> was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Savelle to approve the School Clubs and Activities policy. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Board Committee Reports</i>	<u>Ad Hoc Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – Nothing to report. <u>Building Committee</u> – Some changes have been made to the HVAC project. Rebidding took place last week. The committee is waiting for bids to come in. <u>Curriculum</u> – The committee met September 19th and discussed the ECE chemistry course that was approved at tonight’s meeting. Vonetta Romeo Rivers updated the committee on the opening of the school year and staffing of the district. Next meeting is scheduled for October 24. The committee will be receiving an update on how the middle school schedule is going and SBA results. <u>Communication</u> – The committee is working on scheduling a meeting. <u>Facilities</u> – Nothing to report. <u>Finance</u> – Nothing to report. <u>Policy</u> – The committee met October 12th. Board member Melanie Wilhelm joined the committee. <u>Security</u> – Nothing to report. <u>Superintendent’s Evaluation</u> – Recently met continue working on a summary report. <u>Technology</u> – The committee is planning to meet November 13th.

<i>Liaisons</i>	<u>CREC</u> – CREC recently received funding to cover maintenance costs. The year has started off well. The Soundbridge project is doing significant work.
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, November 13, 2023; 7:00pm.
<i>Adjourn</i>	A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn at 9:42pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Lyder, Board Clerk



Melanie Wilhelm, Secretary



Date

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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]

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