

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, November 13, 2023
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Scott Savelle, Vice Chair

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

<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>Avery Dube</u> reported to the Board that Lewis Mills students were recently involved in two events; a lunch and ceremony that was held to celebrate community Veterans and a "Souper Bowl" competition with Avon High School collecting food for food banks. A presentation on Actuarial Science from an LSM graduate will be held this week at Lewis Mills. <u>Cameron Smith</u> shared with the Board this season sports events are coming to an end. The girls & boys soccer teams have made it to the semifinals of the state tournament.

	The school quarter at LSM ended last Friday all grades are finalized. Last week the Junior class had their post-secondary planning assembly. <u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Superintendent Thiery reported to the Board that each school within the RSD 10 district recently recognized Veterans Day. The state of CT released the school performance and growth index. In January a comprehensive report will be presented to the Board. <u>Board Chair Report:</u> Chairman Ragaglia recently attended a robotics event that the district middle school was involved in. The middle school robotics team "The Power of 10" and their teacher Michelle Deeb did an outstanding job qualifying for the state finals. The LSM crew team held a fundraiser raking leaves. They did a wonderful job. This year is the first time RSD 10 BOE has had four people coming off the Board. Each Board member that is leaving will be recognized at next month's meeting.
<i>Approval of Minutes</i>	A <u>motion</u> was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the October 16, 2023, minutes with some minor changes. 8 in favor; 1 abstained; motion passed.
<i>Consent Agenda</i>	<u>Approval of the Financial Report dated October 31, 2023, and Personnel Report:</u> A <u>motion</u> was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Zach Rankin to accept/approve consent agenda A & B items as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Public participation</i>	Henry - Student
<i>Business</i>	<u>Continuous Improvement Presentation Grade 9-12</u> - The High School Principal, Chris Rau, presented the 2022-23 student achievement data and their 2023-24 School Continuous Improvement Plans. <u>BOE Budget Schedule</u> – The Board reviewed the schedule. <u>CPR/First Aid/AED Wellness Program</u> – The Board reviewed and discussed the program. <u>New course proposal: Geometry & Statistics</u> – Board members asked questions and discussed the proposal.
<i>Action Items</i>	<u>State School Security Grant</u>

	A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Paul Omichinski to accept/approve the State School Security Grant as presented. All in favor; none opposed; unanimous approval. <u>Regular Meetings of the BOE Schedule 24-25:</u> A motion was made by Zach Rankin and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to approve the Regular Meeting of BOE schedule 24-25. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Lewis Mills Europe Trip Spring 2025:</u> A motion was made by John Vecchitto and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to approve the Lewis Mills Europe trip Spring 2025. All in favor; none opposed; unanimous approval. <u>Policy Dogs on School Property:</u> A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to approve the dogs on school property policy. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Superintendent Evaluation and Contract Renewal</u> A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to increase the Superintendents salary by 3.75% and extend the contract for 1 year starting July 2023 – June 2024, all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
<i>Board Committee Reports</i>	<u>Ad Hoc Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – Nothing to report. <u>Building Committee</u> – The committee is meeting Tuesday, Nov. 21st. <u>Curriculum</u> – The committee met October 24th reviewing two new programs addressed in tonight's Board meeting. Two new Board members will be joining the committee in December. <u>Communication</u> – Did not meet. Scheduling meeting in Dec. The Committee is waiting on the hiring of a Communication Specialist. <u>Facilities</u> – Nothing to report. <u>Finance</u> – Will be scheduled shortly due to up-and-coming budget season. <u>Policy</u> – The committee will be meeting Nov. 15th to review updates on current policies. <u>Security</u> – Nothing to report.

	<u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> – Met on November 8 th . <u>Technology</u> – The committee met this evening and are making great strides meeting their plan.
<i>Liaisons</i>	<u>CREC</u> – John Vecchitto reported to the Board that the CREC student SAT results were shared at the last meeting. Also, CREC Superintendent announced he is retiring.
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, December 11, 2023; 7:00pm.
<i>Executive Session</i>	A <u>motion</u> was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Matt Szydlo for the Board to enter into Executive Session to exclude the public and press, as protection of student privacy and inviting the Superintendent at 8:40 pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Adjourn</i>	A motion was made by Paul Omichinski and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:05pm; 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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