

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013

Monday, December 11, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Scott Ragaglia, Chairman

Scott Savelle, Vice Chair

Melanie Wilhelm, Secretary

Victoria Basile

Amy Boisvert

Matt Cummings

Cassandra DuBois

Rachel McFadden

Matthew Szydlo

Thomas Fausel

Absent:

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 6:59 pm.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
<i>First Selectmen & Finance Board Chairs</i>	It has been a standing tradition of the Region 10 Board of Education to invite town officials to speak as part of the district's initial budget preparation. Officials in attendance included First Selectmen Michael Criss and Douglas Thompson. Each provided an overview of their town's financial standing and demographics to aid the district in developing a budget.
<i>Communication</i>	<u>Student Representatives' Report:</u> <u>Cameron Smith</u> shared with the Board that the boys' soccer team won the state championship in their division. Lewis Mills recently held a fundraiser to raise money for CT Children's Medical Center

	by donating a dollar to wear PJs. Stuff a bus event was successful this weekend, receiving lots of donated toys. Winter band and chorus concert performances are being held this month. <u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Superintendent Thiery reported to the Board that in January the annual State of CT Accountability Statistics will be presented to the Board. Interviews will be held next week for the "School Bell" communication specialist. A January School Bell is being worked on, with schools and departments in RSD 10 submitting an article. An informative packet is being put together for Board members on statistics of bullying within the schools. <u>Board Chair Report:</u> Departing Board members Paul Omichinski, Dean Cowger and Zach Rankin were recognized for their years of service to the Board. Chairman Ragaglia thanked each of them on behalf of the RSD 10 BOE for their commitment and dedication to RSD 10. Chairman Ragaglia introduced and welcomed the new Board members, Victoria Basile, Amy Boisvert, Matt Cummings & Rachel McFadden.
<i>Approval of Minutes</i>	A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the November 11, 2023 & November 15, 2023 minutes; 5 in favor; 1 abstain; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Consent Agenda</i>	Approval of the Financial Report dated November 30, 2023, and Personnel Report: A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Public participation</i>	No one from the public chose to speak.
<i>Business</i>	
<i>Action Items</i>	<u>BOE Budget Development Schedule</u> A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the BOE Budget Development Schedule. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>CPR/First Aid/AED Wellness Program</u> A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the CPR/First Aid/AED Wellness Program. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>New course proposal: Geometry & Statistics</u>

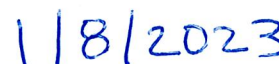
	A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the New Course Proposal Geometry & Statistics. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Election of Board Leadership Position</u> A nomination was made by Tom Fausel to nominate Scott Ragaglia as Board Chairman for a 1-year term, seconded by Scott Savelle; no other nominations were cast. All in favor; none opposed. A nomination was made by Scott Ragaglia to nominate Scott Savelle as Board Vice Chairman for a 1-year term; seconded by Matt Szydlo; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed. A nomination was made by Scott Ragaglia to nominate Cassandra DuBois as Board Secretary for a 1-year term, seconded by Tom Fausel; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed. A nomination was made by Scott Ragaglia to nominate Melanie Wilhelm as Board Treasurer for a 1-year term, seconded by Cassandra DuBois; no other nominations were cast; all in favor; none opposed.
<i>Board Committee Reports</i>	<u>Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – Nothing to report. <u>Building Committee</u> – Met Nov. 21st to review bids received. The contract has been provided to the district attorney to review. <u>Curriculum</u> – Met Nov 28th and reviewed the results of Lewis Mills post graduate survey. The committee will be meeting Dec. 19th. <u>Communication</u> – Met this evening with some new members to the committee and reviewed the original intent of the communication committee. The committee is planning to provide information to the January School Bell. <u>Facilities</u> – Has not met. Planning to meet in January to discuss and review the 5 yr. plan. <u>Finance</u> – Has not met, they are currently checking schedules for the next meeting date. <u>Policy</u> – Met Nov 15th the committee is in the process of reviewing recently changed policies provided to the district by Shipman.

	<u>Security</u> – Tom Fausel discussed and updated new Board members on the security grant the committee is working on. <u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> – Tom Fausel provided background information to new members on roles and responsibility of Superintendent's evaluation committee. <u>Technology</u> – Have not met. Tom Fausel gave new Board members an overview of work the Technology committee has worked on and is continuing to work on.
<i>Liaisons</i>	<u>CREC</u> – Nothing to report
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, January 8, 2024; 7:00pm.
<i>Adjourn</i>	A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Lyder, Board Clerk



Cassandra DuBois, 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]

Both books can be found at our local libraries for anyone interested in more information.