

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013

Monday, January 8, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Scott Ragaglia, Chairman

Scott Savelle, Vice Chair

Melanie Wilhelm, Treasurer

Cassandra DuBois, Secretary

Victoria Basile

Amy Boisvert

Matt Cummings

Thomas Fausel

Rachel McFadden

Matthew Szydlo

Absent:

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

Michael VanDeventer of MahoneySabol

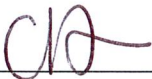
Heather Siepmann of MahoneySabol

<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>Presentation of Financial Audit</i>	A presentation was made by Michael VanDeventer & Heather Siepmann of <i>MahoneySabol CPAs & Advisors</i> reviewing the financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
<i>Communication</i>	<u>Student Representatives' Report:</u> <u>Avery Dube</u> reported to the Board that the boys' and girls' basketball teams have a winning record. Mid-terms are scheduled for next week. The National Honor Society Seniors are tutoring underclassmen.

	<u>Cameron Smith</u> shared with the Board that a Lewis Mills wrestling student competed in the “Lowell Holiday Meet” over break and advanced all the way to the finals. 9th -11th grade students will be selecting their 24-25 school year courses next week. <u>Superintendent’s Report:</u> Superintendent Thiery reported to the Board the hiring of the new Communication Specialist at RSD 10. <u>Board Chair Report:</u> Chairman Ragaglia welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2024 year and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Chairman is looking forward to having the School Bell paper up and running now with the Communication Specialist on board.
<i>Approval of Minutes</i>	A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the December 11, 2023 minutes with one minor change in the word “none”. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Consent Agenda</i>	Approval of the Financial Report dated December 31, 2023, and Personnel Report: A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Matt Szydlo 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>	<u>25-26 District Calendar:</u> The Board reviewed and discussed the 25-26 district calendar. The calendar will be an action item on next month’s meeting agenda. <u>State of CT Next Generation Accountability Statistics:</u> Superintendent Thiery presented to the Board information received on RSD 10 Next Generation Accountability Report.
<i>Action Items</i>	<u>Donations: Lake Garda</u> A motion was made by Cassie DuBois and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the Lake Garda School donations from Lake Garda PTA. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Donations: Harwinton Consolidated</u> A motion was made by Cassie DuBois and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to accept/approve the Harwinton Consolidated School donations from HCS PTO. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Lewis Mills roof top HVAC unit contract approval:</u> A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Scott Savelle to accept/approve the roof top HVAC contract for Lewis Mills as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

	<u>District Savings Account Signatory – approval of 3rd signer on account.</u> A motion was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Cassie DuBois to accept/approve the Superintendent as the 3rd signer for district savings accounts. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Board Committee Reports</i>	<u>Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – Nothing to report. <u>Building Committee</u> – Nothing to report <u>Curriculum</u> – Met December 19th with an update on 3 ECE courses approved last school year. Next meeting is scheduled for January 16th. <u>Communication</u> – The committee is working on an article for the January issue of the School Bell. The committee is planning to meet in February. <u>Facilities</u> – Has not met. <u>Finance</u> – Has not met. Next meeting will be in late January. <u>Policy</u> – Committee met last month to review policy updates received by Shipman & Goodman LLP. Committee is planning to have updated policies for Board to review at February meeting. <u>Security</u> – Nothing to report. The committee is planning to meet in January. <u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> – Nothing to report at this time. <u>Technology</u> – Nothing to report.
<i>Liaisons</i>	<u>CREC</u> – Nothing to report
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, February 12, 2024; 7:00pm. Board of Education workshop; Monday, February 26, 2024; 7:00pm.
<i>Adjourn</i>	A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Cassie DuBois to adjourn at 8:50 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]

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