

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

26 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013

Monday, April 15, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Scott Ragaglia, Chairman

Scott Savelle, Vice Chair

Melanie Wilhelm, Treasurer

Cassandra DuBois, Secretary

Amy Boisvert

Thomas Fausel

Rachel McFadden

Matthew Szydlo

Absent:

Victoria Basile

Matt Cummings

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 in March the boys' basketball team made it to the state championship. The team did not win the championship but there was a great turnout of spectators from the district. Spring sports have started, and many Senior class members are focusing on filling out scholarship applications. <u>Cameron Smith</u> shared with the Board that the 3rd quarter of school ended before the Spring break. Classes are preparing for

<i>Communication cont.</i>	exams that will take place in May. The Junior class recently took the SAT exams on March 20th. In sports the tennis team is currently 1:2. <u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Superintendent Thiery shared with the Board that many applications for the HCS Principal position have been received and interviews will begin at the end of this week. The School Bell will be mailed out in April along with the budget flyers. <u>Board Chair Report:</u> Chairman Ragaglia and Board member Cassie DuBois recently attended PTO meetings to discuss the school budget that will be at referendum May 7th.
<i>Approval of Minutes</i>	A <i>motion</i> was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Rachel McFadden to accept/approve the February 29, 2024; Special Meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed. A <i>motion</i> was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the March 11, 2024; Regular Meeting minutes as presented. 9 in favor, none opposed; 1 abstained; motion passed. A <i>motion</i> was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Amy Boisvert to accept/approve the March 25, 2024; Public Hearing minutes as presented. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed. A <i>motion</i> was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the March 25, 2024; Special Meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Consent Agenda</i>	<u>Approval of the Financial Report dated March 31, 2024, and Personnel Report:</u> A <i>motion</i> was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Rachel McFadden 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>Approval of Auditors</u> A <i>motion</i> was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Tom Fausel for approval of MahoneySabol as 23-24 auditor. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

<i>Business cont.</i>	<u>22-23 surplus allocation</u> A motion was made Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to direct the Superintendent of Schools to provide a refund of the fiscal year 2022-2023 operating surplus of \$491,984 and \$238,071 to the towns of Burlington and Harwinton respectively to offset the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. Such refunds will be reflected as credits against the town payments in the fiscal year 2024-2025. The remaining surplus of \$268,454 will be transferred into the district's capital reserve to help fund the rolling five-year capital plan. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously. <u>Technology presentation:</u> Director of Technology and Assistant Director of Technology presented and answered questions on the review of Technology Strategic Plan Presentation. <u>Revision to the 24/25 and 25/26 District Calendar:</u> A request was recently made to move the March professional development date of March 14, 2025, to March 7, 2025, and March 13, 2026, to March 6, 2026. A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Matt Szydlo to move the Revision to the 24/25 & 25/26 District Calendars Business agenda item to an Action item on tonight's agenda. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Action Items</i>	<u>Revision to the 24/25 and 25/26 District Calendar:</u> A motion was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Rachel McFadden to approve the changes to the 24/25 & 25/26 district calendars. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Har-Bur overnight field trip:</u> A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Rachel McFadden to approve the Har-Bur overnight field trip to Quebec & Washington DC in February 2025. <u>Donation: HCS Kindergarten field trip</u> A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Cassie DuBois to accept/approve the HCS Kindergarten field trip donation. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

Action Items cont.	<u>Proposed Educator Growth & Evaluation Plan- State Mandate:</u> A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Amy Boisvert to accept/approve the Proposed Educator Growth & Evaluation Plan as presented. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed. <u>Increasing Educator Diversity Plan - State Mandate:</u> A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the Increasing Educator Diversity Plan as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Board Committee Reports	<u>Ad Hoc Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – Have not met. <u>Building Committee</u> – Recently met and reviewed bids for HVAC project. <u>Curriculum</u> – Met in March and received an overview of professional learning for the district from the Director of Teaching and Learning. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd. <u>Communication</u> – The committee has not met but recently submitted an article for the April School Bell. <u>Facilities</u> – The Facilities Committee met with the Building Committee and discussed the bids for HVAC. <u>Finance</u> – Committee has not met. Will schedule a meeting soon. <u>Policy</u> – The committee has not met due to there being no updates to the current policies at this time. <u>Security</u> – Have not met. <u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> – Nothing to report. <u>Technology</u> – Committee update was presented at tonight's Board meeting.
Liaisons	<u>CREC</u> – Nothing to report.
Upcoming Meetings	Annual Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2024; 7:00pm. Regular Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024; 7:00pm
Adjourn	A motion was made by Cassie DuBois and seconded by Matt Szydlo to adjourn at 8:38 pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Lyder, Board Clerk



Cassandra DuBois, Secretary



Date

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