

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013

Monday, September 9, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present:

- Scott Ragaglia, Chairman
- Scott Savelle, Vice Chair
- Melanie Wilhelm, Treasurer
- Victoria Basile
- Matt Cummings
- Thomas Fausel
- Rachel McFadden
- Matthew Szydlo

Absent:

- Amy Boisvert
- Cassandra DuBois, Secretary
- Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations

Also Present:

- Howard Thiery, Superintendent
- Vonetta Romeo-Rivers, Director of Teaching and Learning
- Cameron Smith, Senior Student Representative
- Natalie Sliwka, Junior Student Representative

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Ragaglia, at 7:00 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Communication	<p><u>Student Representatives' Report:</u></p> <p><u>Cameron Smith</u>, returning student representative, shared with the Board that the Senior class is enjoying Senior privileges such as parking spaces and the school courtyard. The new ECE Chemistry class is going well with approximately 40 students enrolled across all sections in total.</p> <p><u>Natalie Sliwka</u>, first year student representative, reported to the Board that the Junior class recently met and heard about test taking such as SAT. The schools "Link Leader" program that consists of Junior class members helping Freshman class members has been successful.</p>

<p>Communication Continue</p>	<p>Natalie provided feedback on the new cell phone policy saying there are some benefits to having the phone away and some concerns about having the phone away during class time but overall, not much of a difference.</p> <p>Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Thiery shared with the Board that RSD 10 had a great opening. Everything went smoothly for this school year and thanked BOE members that joined him on the 1st day while visiting the schools.</p> <p>The Superintendent introduced the new Director of Facilities, Rich Miller, to the entire Board and gave credit to the Administration team for the great job they did of hiring for any open positions that RSD 10 had this summer.</p> <p>Board Chair Report: Chairman Ragaglia discussed his visit on the first day of school and how well everything went. He encouraged all Board members to visit the schools.</p>
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the August 19, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes. 7 in favor; none opposed; 1 abstention; motion passed.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Approval of the Financial Report dated August 30, 2024, and Personnel Report: A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Matt Szydlo, to accept/approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
<p>Public participation</p>	<p>No one from the public chose to speak.</p>
<p>Business</p>	<p>HVAC Project Update: Superintendent Thiery updated the Board that Phase 1 of the HVAC project was completed over the summer with 6 out of 9 units being replaced.</p> <p>Teacher and Administrator Union Negotiations Update: Teacher and Administrator union negotiations begin this week. The district has invited a member from Burlington and Harwinton Board of Finance to observe during the meetings.</p>
<p>Action Items</p>	<p>Contract Renewal: A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Scott Savelle to renew contracts for a 3rd year for Director of Finance & Operations, Director of Teaching & Learning and Director of Student Services. 7 in favor; 1 opposed; motion passed.</p>

<p>Action Continue</p>	<p><u>Donation: Lewis Mills Football Booster Club</u> A motion was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to accept the Lewis Mills High School Football Booster Club donation with the five facilities committee recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Director of Facilities will direct its location on the campus. 2. There will be no storage of hazardous materials, including propane tanks, in the shed. 3. At the conclusion of the football season, the Football Booster Club must remove stored items from the shed. 4. The color of the shed must be approved by the Director of Facilities. 5. Site preparation and installation costs must be covered, in full, by the Football Booster Club. <p>All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
<p>Board Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>Ad Hoc Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – The committee has not met.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Curriculum</u> – The committee is scheduled to September 17th.</p> <p><u>Communication</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Facilities</u> – Met last week.</p> <p><u>Finance</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Policy</u> – A meeting will be scheduled this month or early October.</p> <p><u>Security</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Superintendent’s Evaluation</u> – Committee met last month. Members are working on the writing of Superintendent goals.</p> <p><u>Technology</u> – Have not met. The committee is planning to meet soon.</p>
<p>Liaisons</p>	<p><u>CREC</u> – Nothing to report.</p>
<p>Upcoming Meetings</p>	<p>Regular Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2024; 7:00pm.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Rachel McFadden to adjourn at 7:56 pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>



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Cassandra DuBois, Secretary

Date

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