

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**  
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
 24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013  
 Monday, October 21, 2024  
 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

Scott Ragaglia, Chairman  
 Scott Savelle, Vice Chair  
 Melanie Wilhelm, Treasurer  
 Amy Boisvert  
 Cassandra DuBois, Secretary  
 Victoria Basile  
 Matt Cummings  
 Thomas Fausel  
 Rachel McFadden  
 Matthew Szydlo

**Absent:**


**Also Present:**

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

<b><i>Call to Order</i></b>	The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Ragaglia, at 7:00 pm.
<b><i>Pledge of Allegiance</i></b>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
<b><i>Communication</i></b>	<p><b><u>Student Representatives' Report:</u></b></p> <p><u>Cameron Smith</u> reported to the Board that the Senior class recently took a trip to the Boston Aquarium. They are busy working on their Halloween costumes and getting college applications in.</p> <p>The new concession stand was open for a recent game. Sports are going well.</p> <p><u>Natalie Sliwka</u> shared with the Board that the Junior class recently took the SAT exam. It was an online version this year.</p> <p>All students had fun recently with Homecoming Spirit Week activities. The Senior class won Spirit Week.</p>

<p><b>Communication Continue</b></p>	<p>Each sports team is wearing pink in the month of October to raise awareness for breast cancer.</p> <p>The end of the first quarter is a week away.</p> <p><b>Superintendent’s Report:</b> The Superintendent shared with the Board that Homecoming was well attended with positive feedback.</p> <p>October 11<sup>th</sup> was a professional development day for the district. There was lots of conversation around the district’s vision of High-Quality Learning. During lunch time the district fall convocation was held with a cookout, outdoor activities and RSD 10 Teacher of the Year Dennis Fowler gave a speech to the faculty.</p> <p>The fall “School Bell” is underway and coming out in a few weeks.</p> <p>The Continuous Improvement Presentation this evening will be given in a little different format based on feedback from the Board. Rather than grade levels we are looking at Cohorts. It will consist of the same data, just a different way of presenting.</p> <p><b>Board Chair Report:</b> Chairman of the Board thanked the Football Booster Club for the shed donation and thanked Rachel McFadden who attended the October 11<sup>th</sup> fall convocation.</p>
<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p>	<p>A <b>motion</b> was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to accept/approve the September 9, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes. 8 in favor; none opposed; 2 abstentions; motion passed.</p>
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b></p>	<p><b>Approval of the Financial Report dated September 30, 2024, and Personnel Report:</b> A <b>motion</b> was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Cassandra DuBois, to accept/approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
<p><b>Public participation</b></p>	<p>No one from the public chose to speak.</p>
<p><b>Business</b></p>	<p><b>Continuous Improvement Presentations Grades K-8:</b> The Elementary and Middle School Principals presented the 2023-2024 student achievement data and their 2024-2025 School Continuous Improvement Plans.</p> <p><b>BOE Budget Schedule 2024-2025:</b> The Board reviewed the schedule. This will be an action item on next month’s agenda.</p>

	<p><b><u>HS Field Trips: National Parks Spring 2026 and Iceland Spring 2026</u></b>  Teachers Rebecca Edwards and Kathryn Rosenfield presented and answered questions from the Board regarding two proposed field trip options for students to attend during spring break 2026.</p>
<b><i>Action Items</i></b>	<p><b><u>Increasing Educator Diversity Plan Revised:</u></b>  A <b>motion</b> was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Matt Szydlo, to accept/approve the revised Increasing Educator Diversity Plan as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
<b><i>Board Committee Reports</i></b>	<p><b><u>Ad Hoc Athletic Strategic Planning</u></b> – The shed donated by the Football Booster Club has ben placed on site near the football field.</p> <p><b><u>Building Committee</u></b> – Have not met.</p> <p><b><u>Curriculum</u></b> – The committee has not met.</p> <p><b><u>Communication</u></b> – Have not met.</p> <p><b><u>Facilities</u></b> –Have not met.</p> <p><b><u>Finance</u></b> – Have not met.</p> <p><b><u>Policy</u></b> – Material is being put together of updated policies received from Shipman.</p> <p><b><u>Security</u></b> – Have not met.</p> <p><b><u>Superintendent’s Evaluation</u></b> – Final evaluation has been shared with the Superintendent.</p> <p><b><u>Technology</u></b> – The committee is planning to meet in November.</p>
<b><i>Liaisons</i></b>	<p><b><u>CREC</u></b> – Nothing to report.</p>
<b><i>Upcoming Meetings</i></b>	<p>Regular Meeting: Monday, November 11, 2024; 7:00pm.</p>
<b><i>Adjourn</i></b>	<p>A <b>motion</b> was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn at 9:25 pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>



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Cassandra DuBois, Secretary

Date

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