

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013

Monday, November 11, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

- Victoria Basile

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

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> reported to the Board that Lewis Mills recently held a lunch and assembly to celebrate Veterans in our community. The school band performed along with some students performing their original work. The girls' soccer team is in the semifinals.</p> <p><u>Natalie Sliwka</u> shared with the Board that NFLHA (National Foreign Language Honor Society) recently held a Senior Citizen Prom. They had a great turn out with about 80 Senior Citizens attending. There was lots of dancing and conversation. PSAT results came in this week. The new digital version has made test taking easier.</p>

<p>Communication Continue</p>	<p><u>Superintendent’s Report:</u> The Superintendent discussed with the Board how Veterans Day was observed in each of RSD 10 Schools.</p> <p>Superintendent Thiery thanked all Veterans within our community and staff for their dedication and commitment to serve.</p> <p>The open position for Lake Garda Kindergarten Teacher has been posted. The district has received many qualified applications and will start interviewing this week. A substitute teacher will be in the position after Thanksgiving break.</p> <p><u>Board Chair Report:</u> Chairman of the Board thanked all Veterans, those here tonight and those on our Board for your service, dedication and sacrifice.</p> <p>The School Bell recently came out. Chairman Ragaglia thanked the Committee for assisting in putting this issue together. It was outstanding and informative. As stated in the article the Chairman stressed how fortunate the District is to have a wonderful Board. Each person brings in a different skill set and works together well as a team.</p>
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>A motion was made by Matt Cummings and seconded by Scott Savelle to accept/approve the October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes. all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Approval of the Financial Report dated October 31, 2024, & Personnel Report: A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Matthew Szydlo, to accept/approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
<p>Public participation</p>	<p>Rosalinda Zeller – 29 Green Acres Rd. Harwinton, CT</p>
<p>Business</p>	<p><u>Continuous Improvement Presentations Lewis Mills High School:</u> The Lewis Mills High School Principals presented the 2023- 2024 student achievement data and their 2024-2025 School Continuous Improvement Plans.</p> <p><u>BOE Regular Meeting Schedule 2025-2026:</u> The Board reviewed the schedule.</p>
<p>Action Items</p>	<p><u>HS Field Trips - National Parks Spring 2026 & Iceland Spring 2026:</u> A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm, to accept/approve the Spring 2026 National Park & Iceland field trip as presented. 8 in favor; none opposed; 1 abstain; motion passed.</p>

	<p><u>Overnight Field Trip Model UN – Boston:</u> A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Matthew Szydlo, to accept/approve the overnight field trip to Boston as presented. All in favor; none opposed; unanimously approved.</p> <p><u>Donation: Booster Club, Magnetic White Board for Locker Room:</u> A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Matthew Szydlo, to accept/approve the Booster club donation as presented. All in favor; none opposed; unanimously approved.</p> <p><u>BOE Budget Schedule 2024-2025:</u> A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm, to accept/approve the 24-25 BOE Budget schedule as presented. All in favor; none opposed; unanimously approved.</p>
<i>Board Committee Reports</i>	<p><u>Ad Hoc Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – The committee will be setting up a meeting prior to the Board budget meetings.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Curriculum</u> – The committee is scheduled to meet November 19th.</p> <p><u>Communication</u> – Met October 1st and discussed the communication timeline.</p> <p><u>Facilities</u> – Is scheduled to meeting November 18th.</p> <p><u>Finance</u> – The committee will be meeting in December.</p> <p><u>Policy</u> – Material of updated policies received from Shipman have been drafted and are being reviewed.</p> <p><u>Security</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Superintendent’s Evaluation</u> – The committee established new goals and contract.</p> <p><u>Technology</u> – The committee met this evening. The Technology staff is working with EdAdvance to customize the districts My PL. The Technology department is planning to present at the April Board meeting.</p>
<i>Liaisons</i>	<u>CREC</u> – Nothing to report.
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Regular Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2024; 7:00pm.
<i>Executive Session</i>	A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Matt Cummings to enter into an Executive Session to discuss contracts

	between BOE and RSD 10 Administration. Inviting Superintendent Thiery and Susan Laone, excluding the public at 8:26 pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
	Out of Executive Session at 8:44pm
Motion	A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to approve RSD 10 Administration Union Contract for 2025-2028 as presented 9 in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Adjourn	A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn at 8:45pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed



Cassandra DuBois, Secretary

12/9/24

Date

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