

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013

Monday, December 9, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Scott Ragaglia, Chairman

Scott Savelle, Vice Chairman

Melanie Wilhelm, Treasurer

Cassandra DuBois, Secretary - arrived @ 7:17pm

Rachel McFadden

Matthew Szydlo

Thomas Fausel

Absent:

Victoria Basile

Amy Boisvert

Matt Cummings

Also Present:

Howard Thiery, Superintendent

Vonetta Romeo-Rivers, Director of Teaching and Learning

Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations

Cameron Smith, Senior at Lewis Mills

Natalie Sliwka, 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>	<p><u>Burlington/Harwinton Leadership 25/26 Budget Development:</u></p> <p>It has been a standing tradition of the Region 10 Board of Education to invite town officials to speak as part of the district's initial budget preparation.</p> <p>Officials in attendance included First Selectmen Michael Criss and First Selectmen Douglas Thompson. Each provided an overview of their town's financial standing and demographics to aid the district in developing a budget.</p>

	<p><u>Student Representatives’ Report:</u> Cameron Smith shared with the Board that Mr. Rau recently met with the Senior class regarding the students’ portfolio. Lewis Mills will be holding a toy drive this Saturday called “stuff-a-bus”.</p> <p><u>Natalie Sliwka</u> reported to the Board that the Senior class won Spirit Week. Sports have transitioned from Fall sports to Winter sports.</p> <p><u>Superintendent’s Report:</u> Superintendent Thiery reported to the Board his plans to attend PTA meeting at LG this week.</p> <p>The kindergarten teacher position at Lake Garda has been filled. The new teacher is scheduled to start in January after the holiday break.</p> <p><u>Board Chair Report:</u> The Board Chairman congratulated the Lewis Mills girls soccer team on winning the state championship in their division.</p> <p>Chairman Ragaglia recently attended the production of Miracle on 34th street performed by Lewis Mills students and commentated on the wonderful performance by the district’s students.</p> <p>The Chairman also attended the middle school Lego robotics team competition, reporting how wonderful it is to see the students working together as a team.</p>
<i>Approval of Minutes</i>	A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the November 11, 2024, minutes. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Consent Agenda</i>	<p><u>Approval of the Financial Report dated November 30, 2024, and Personnel Report:</u> A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Rachel McFadden to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
<i>Public participation</i>	No one from the public chose to speak.
<i>Business</i>	<p><u>New Course Proposal – UConn ECE Contemporary Social Issues in Sport:</u> The Board reviewed and discussed the new course proposal.</p> <p><u>Textbook Adoption – Social Issues in Sport:</u> After discussion the Board agreed the textbook proposed will be an action item on January agenda.</p>
<i>Action Items</i>	<p><u>BOE Regular Meeting Schedule 2025/2026:</u> A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the 2025-2026 Board of Education</p>

	<p>Regular Meeting Schedule. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p> <p><u>Election of Board Leadership Position</u> A nomination was made by Scott Ragaglia to nominate Scott Savelle as Board Chairman for a 1-year term, seconded by Tom Fausel; no other nominations were cast. All in favor; none opposed; nomination passed.</p> <p>A nomination was made by Scott Savelle to nominate Tom Fausel as Board Vice Chairman for a 1-year term; seconded by Matt Szydlo; no other nominations were cast. All in favor; none opposed; nomination passed.</p> <p>A nomination was made by Tom Fausel to nominate Melanie Wilhelm as Board Treasurer for a 1-year term, seconded by Scott Savelle; no other nominations were cast. All in favor; none opposed, nomination passed.</p> <p>A nomination was made by Melanie Wilhelm to nominate Cassandra DuBois as Board Secretary for a 1-year term, seconded by Scott Ragaglia; no other nominations were cast. All in favor; none opposed, nomination passed.</p>
<p><i>Board Committee Reports</i></p>	<p><u>Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Have not met</p> <p><u>Curriculum</u> – The committee met Nov 19th to review the proposed course and textbook presented at tonight’s meeting. They also received a report on the district wide Professional Development Day in October. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Dec. 17th.</p> <p><u>Communication</u> – Have not met. The committee will have a posting in the January issues of the “School Bell”.</p> <p><u>Facilities</u> – Committee reported and discussed with the Board vandalism in the high school locker room to school equipment.</p> <p><u>Finance</u> – Committee is scheduled to meet December 16th.</p> <p><u>Policy</u> – Committee is waiting for feedback from lawyers on a few polices.</p> <p><u>Security</u> – Have not met</p>

	<u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> – Working on scheduling a meeting in January.
	<u>Technology</u> – Have not met.
<i>Liaisons</i>	<u>CREC</u> – Nothing to report
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, January 13, 2025; 7:00pm.
<i>Adjourn</i>	A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm; all in favor; none opposed; motion passed



Cassandra DuBois, Secretary

1/13/2025

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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