

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
 24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
 Monday, January 13, 2025
 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

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 Savelle, at 7:00 p.m.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
<i>Communication</i>	<p><u>Student Representatives' Report:</u></p> <p><u>Cameron Smith</u> shared with the Board that Lewis Mills band and choir held a concert before the holiday break. Midterms are coming up for students.</p> <p><u>Natalie Sliwka</u> reported to the Board that Modern Band recently performed at the school concert. Students are meeting with counselors to select next year's courses.</p> <p><u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Superintendent Thiery announced and discussed that he will be retiring at the end of the 24-25 school year.</p>

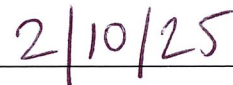
Communication Continued	Board Chair Report: Scott Savelle gave his first report as new Board Chairman discussing with the Board the Superintendent's retirement and the search to hire a new Superintendent for RSD 10.
Amendment to Agenda	A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Victoria Basile to add an item XII student discipline matter to be in Executive Session on the agenda and current item XII Adjourn becomes item XIII . All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the December 9, 2024, minutes. Amendment to the minutes Action item: nomination to Secretary and Treasurer position. The Board member's name for the positions needs to be switched. A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Rachel McFadden to accept the amendment. 7 in favor; 3 abstained; none opposed; motion passed.
Consent Agenda	Approval of the Financial Report dated December 31, 2024, and Personnel Report: A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Public Participation	No one from the public chose to speak.
Business	2026 – 2027 District Calendar: The proposed calendar was reviewed. A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to move the Business item: Donation enclosures 5, 6 and 6A to Action item on the agenda. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Action Items	<u>New Course Proposal – UConn ECE Contemporary Social Issues in Sport:</u> A motion was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Rachel McFadden to approve the New Course proposal of UConn ECE Contemporary Social Issues in Sport. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Textbook Adoption – Social Issues in Sport:</u> A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept the adoption of textbook Social Issues in Sport. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Formation of Superintendent Search Committee</u> A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Matt Szydlo that we appoint the Region 10 Board of Education as a “Committee of the Whole” for the purpose of searching for and hiring a new Superintendent. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

<p>Action Items Continued</p>	<p><u>Capital & Nonrecurring Fund Revisions & Transfer</u> A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Matt Cummings to change the name of the current Capital and Nonrecurring Fund to the Non-lapsing Reserve for Educational Expenditures Fund. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p> <p>A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Victoria Basile to transfer the General Fund unexpended budget appropriation fund balance, following the statutory limits, to the Non-lapsing Reserve for Educational Expenditures Fund. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p> <p><u>Donation: LSM Girls Basketball</u> <u>Donation: LGS Science Enrichment program</u> <u>Donation: HCS Enrichment Program</u> A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to approve the enclosures 5, 6 and 6A donations to Lewis Mills, Lake Garda and Harwinton Consolidated Schools. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
<p>Board Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – The committee met December 10th and discussed the recommendation to increase the football sport funding.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Curriculum</u> – The committee met December 17th and discussed the new UConn ECE class and textbook for Contemporary Social Issues in Sport. There will not be a January Curriculum Committee meeting.</p> <p><u>Communication</u> – The committee met tonight January 13th and discussed plans for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p><u>Facilities</u> – Have not met. Planning to meet in February at Harwinton Consolidated School.</p> <p><u>Finance</u> – The committee met December 16th. The meeting led to tonight’s motion and update on the budget/bonding.</p> <p><u>Policy</u> – Have not met. Planning a February meeting.</p> <p><u>Security</u> – Have not met. Planning a mid-year meeting.</p> <p><u>Superintendent’s Evaluation</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Technology</u> – Have not met.</p>

Liaisons	CREC – Nothing to report.
Upcoming Meetings	Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, February 10, 2025; 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Workshop; Monday, February 24, 2025; 6:30 p.m.
Executive Session	A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Matt Szydlo to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential student information related to a disciplinary matter and that we invite Superintendent Howard Thiery into the Executive Session so that he may deliver relevant testimony at 8:00 p.m. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
	Out of Executive Session at 8:17p.m
Motion	A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Tom Fausel to accept the stipulated expulsion agreements for student 1-13-25A and 1-13-25B and by doing so: Both students will be expelled from participating in or attending any and all school sponsored or school related curricular and extracurricular classes, activities, programs and ceremonies, whether at school or other locations, for 180 school days and that during the period of expulsion shall be prohibited from coming onto school property but shall be offered an alternative educational opportunity off campus. Unanimous vote 10-0.
Adjourn	A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.; All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.



Cassandra DuBois, Secretary



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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