

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013

Monday, October 20, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Scott Savelle, Chairman

Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman

Melanie Wilhelm, Treasurer

Cassandra DuBois, Secretary

Victoria Basile

Matt Cummings

Rachel McFadden

Scott Ragaglia

Matthew Szydlo

Absent:

Natalie Sliwka, Senior at Lewis Mills

Amy Boisvert-Baltrush

Also Present:

Fran Thompson, Superintendent

Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations

Vonetta Romeo-Rivers, Director of Teaching and Learning

John Osowiecki, Junior at Lewis Mills

<i>Call to Order</i>	The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Savelle, at 7:02 p.m.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
<i>Region 10 Recognition</i>	Shawn Carr - Recognition for being the first Region 10 student participating in & demonstrating exceptional leadership at Boy's State & Boy's Nation. Marilyn Maynard - Recognition of tireless dedication to serving the students of Region 10, on Bus 29. As noted by her twenty years without taking a sick day
<i>Communication</i>	<u>Student Representatives' Report:</u> <u>John Osowiecki</u> reported to the Board that Lewis Mills High School recently wrapped up "Spirit Week," which concluded with a pep rally on the final day. The Homecoming dance was held last weekend and had a large turnout. The end of the first quarter is approaching on October 31. Students are reminded to hand in all assignments.

Communication continued	Upcoming events include parent-teacher conferences on November 3 and several opportunities for students to make a positive impact in the community with the parks and recreation department. The Class of 2029 is hosting a fundraiser in partnership with Lyman Orchard, while the Class of 2026 has projected graduation meetings scheduled for October 29 and November 18. As fall sports seasons are winding down, many teams are holding Senior Nights. There has been a great deal of school spirit and student involvement shown across all teams and activities. <u>Superintendent's Report:</u> Superintendent Thompson expressed gratitude to the Lake Garda PTA and the Lewis Mills Booster Club for their generous donations supporting RSD 10 students. Dr. Thompson recently attended the Husky Hustle event at Harwinton Consolidated School, sponsored by the PTO. He thanked everyone for their contributions and hard work in making the event a joyful occasion filled with laughter and community spirit. On October 9, Lewis Mills High School hosted a college fair that was well attended by students eager to learn more about the many colleges and universities that participated. The following day, October 10, RSD 10 staff took part in a Professional Development Day focused on <i>Wit & Wisdom</i> and school climate. It was a productive and positive day of professional learning and collaboration. <u>Board Chair Report:</u> Chairman Savelle thanked Board members for representing RSD 10 at Burlington's Tavern Day and also expressed appreciation to Superintendent Thompson for spending the day at the event. He noted that the district's table provided an important opportunity to engage with the community. Last month, Chairman Savelle encouraged Board members to tour the schools. This month, he is encouraging them to attend a PTO or PTA meeting. Chairman Savelle recently attended the Lake Garda PTA meeting, where he observed the strong involvement and positive energy of the group. He extended his gratitude to all the PTAs and PTOs for their generosity and continued support of RSD 10 schools.
nApproval of Minutes	A motion was made by Scott Ragaglie and seconded by Victoria Basile to accept/approve September 8, 2025, Board minutes 9 in favor; none opposed; 1 abstain; motion passed.

Consent Agenda	Approval of the Financial Report dated September 30, 2025, and Personnel Report: A motion was made by Cassie DuBois and seconded by Matt Cummings to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Public Participation	Vedant Kansara – 14 Alpine Dr. Burlington, CT
Business	<u>25-26 BOE Budget Schedule</u> – this item will appear as an action item on next month’s agenda. <u>Donation: LSM Athletic</u> A motion was made by Victoria Basile and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to move the LSM Athletic donation to action item B on the agenda. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed <u>Field Trip: UN Conference Boston, MA</u> A motion was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Rachel McFadden to move the UN Conference Boston trip to action item C on the agenda. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed <u>Policy 4117 & 5118</u> – These policies will be brought forward as an action item on next month’s agenda. <u>Continuous Improvement Presentation Gr. K-8</u> The Elementary and Middle School Principals presented an overview of the 2024–2025 student achievement data along with their 2025–2026 School Continuous Improvement Plans.
Action Items	<u>LSM softball trip to Florida in April:</u> A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to accept/approve the LSM softball trip to Florida as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Donation: LSM Athletic</u> A motion was made by Victoria Basile and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the LSM Athletic donation as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. <u>Field Trip: UN Conference Boston, MA</u> A motion was made by Cassie DuBois and seconded by Victoria Basile to accept/approve the UN Conference field trip as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Board Committee	<u>Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – Met September 29th. An update was presented regarding the status of the upgrades to the main LM field and surroundings. <u>Building Committee</u> – Have not met. <u>Curriculum</u> – The committee meet September 16th. The Director of Teaching & Learning provided an overview of the start of the school year.

Board Committee continued	The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th when the committee will review elementary school schedules. <u>Communication</u> – The committee meet September 15th. They are working on a November article for the School Bell to highlight the work of the Facilities Committee. <u>Facilities</u> – has not met <u>Finance</u> – The committee met this evening with the bonding firm that works with the district to discuss bonding options. <u>Policy</u> – Met October 15th to discuss the changes to FMLA policy and a new residency policy for the district. <u>Security</u> –Have not met. <u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> –Have not met. <u>Technology</u> – Have not met.
Liaisons	<u>CREC:</u> This item will be removed from the agenda.
Upcoming Meetings	Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, November 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Adjourn	A motion was made by Cassie DuBois and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.



Cassandra DuBois, Secretary



Date

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