

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013

Monday, December 8, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

- Victoria Basile

Also Present:

- Fran Thompson, Superintendent
- Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
- Vonetta Romeo-Rivers, Director of Teaching and Learning
- Debra Foley, Director of Student Services
- Natalie Sliwka, Senior at Lewis Mills
- John Osowiecki, Junior at Lewis Mills

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Savelle, at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Region 10 Recognition	Lions club members Harry Schuh and Wayne Frombach were recognized for their tireless efforts, on behalf of the Lions Club, to bring KidSight to the schools in Region 10. Lake Garda Elementary School Student Council members and Advisor were recognized for their dedication to giving back to the community, by hosting a birthday cake drive to benefit the Burlington town food pantry.
Communication	<u>Burlington/Harwinton Leadership 26/27 Budget Development:</u> The town’s leadership was unable to attend the Board of Education meeting on December 8, 2025. The Board and Superintendent have extended an invitation to attend the next meeting on January 12, 2026.

**Communication
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Student Representatives' Report:

Natalie Sliwka shared with the Board that the play *Annie* was amazing, and the students worked very hard to make it a success.

The National Honor Society has organized a give-back can drive for the local food pantry.

John Osowiecki reported to the Board that the Band and Choir recently attended the Harwinton Hometown Holiday event.

On Friday, December 12th, the schools will hold a fundraiser for the Connecticut Children's Foundation, where students and staff may wear pajamas.

December 15th marks the start of School Spirit Week at Lewis Mills High School, which will include a homeroom door-decorating contest.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Thompson thanked the Lewis Mills Booster Club and the Harwinton Consolidated PTO Committee for their recent donations in support of students and school activities.

The Superintendent attended the production of *Annie*, noting that the students did a fantastic job and expressing appreciation for the participation of students from all grade levels.

This Friday, the schools and Central Office will participate in a fundraiser for the Connecticut Children's Foundation.

On December 16, the Superintendent along with the District Teacher of the Year Megan Norton will attend the statewide Teacher of the Year ceremony.

Board Chair Report:

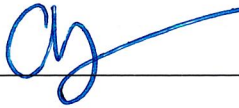
Chairman Savelle reminded everyone that on December 18 at 6:00 p.m., there will be a ceremony honoring John A. Deeb and renaming the Lewis Mills Auditorium. All are invited to attend. Following the ceremony, the holiday concert will take place.

Last Wednesday's snow-day cleanup went exceptionally well, with public works crews from both towns completing the plowing of school parking lots and sidewalks.

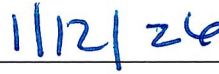
The district is in the process of transitioning from CREC to EdAdvance as its Regional Educational Service Center (RESC).

Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Matthew Szydlo and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve November 10, 2025, minutes. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Consent Agenda	Approval of the Financial Report dated November 30, 2025, and Personnel Report: A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Public Participation	Matthew Mooney – 5 Ryans way, Burlington, CT Greg Rutherford – 11 Angelas Way, Burlington, CT
Business	27-28 District Calendar: The proposed calendar was reviewed. Donation: LSM Booster Club: - A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to move the LSM donation to Action item C on the agenda All in favor; none opposed; motion passed
Action Items	BOE Regular Meeting Schedule 2026-2027 A motion was made by Matthew Szydlo and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to approve the BOE regular meeting schedule for 2026-2027. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Election of Board Leadership Position: 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. A nomination was made by Scott Savelle to nominate Tom Fausel as Board Vice Chairman for a 1-year term; seconded by Matthew Szydlo; no other nominations were cast. All in favor; none opposed; nomination passed. 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. A nomination was made by Melanie Wilhelm to nominate Cassandra DuBois as Board Secretary for a 1-year term, seconded by Matthew Szydlo; no other nominations were cast. All in favor; none opposed, nomination passed. A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Matthew Szydlo to approve the Lewis Mills Booster Club Donation as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Board Committee Reports	Athletic Strategic Planning – Have not met Building Committee – Have not met. Curriculum – The committee met in November, along with two elementary school principals, to discuss the elementary schools’ schedules. The December Curriculum committee meeting has been postponed until January.

	<p><u>Communication</u> – Have not met. Planning to meet in the new year.</p> <p><u>Facilities</u> –The committee met last week and discussed the referendum, which will be presented to the Board soon.</p> <p><u>Finance</u> – The committee joined last week’s Facilities Committee meeting to discuss the referendum.</p> <p><u>Policy</u> –The committee has not met. They are up to date with Policy changes.</p> <p><u>Security</u> – Have not met. They are planning to meet in January.</p> <p><u>Superintendent’s Evaluation</u> – The committee met this evening with the Superintendent to work through the goals. Checkpoints will be scheduled throughout the year.</p> <p><u>Technology</u> – Have not met since last months meeting.</p>
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, January 12, 2026; 7:00 p.m.
<i>Adjourn</i>	A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.



Cassandra DuBois, Secretary



Date

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The minutes are marked as DRAFT, pending Board of Education approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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Robert's Rules state, "Minutes are a record of what was done at a meeting, not a record of what was said." [RONR (11th ed.), p. 468, ll. 16-18] which is the standard for which board minutes strive. For this reason, the minutes will typically not reflect the discussion surrounding a motion, only its outcome.

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]

Both books can be found at our local libraries for anyone interested in more information.