

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
 24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
 Monday, January 12, 2026
 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman

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

<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>Region 10 Recognition</i>	<p>Ryan Craig was recognized for sharing his interest & talent in weather forecasting with Region 10. Collaborating with the Superintendent & district administrators to forecast weather conditions to keep everyone safe.</p> <p>Burlington Public Works Director, Scott Tharau and Harwinton Public Works Director, Justin Downes were recognized for their tireless efforts to keep the roads safe for our students, staff, and community members.</p>
<i>Communication</i>	<p>Burlington/Harwinton Leadership 2026/2027 Budget Development: 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</p>

<p>Communication Continued</p>	<p>financial standing and demographics to aid the district in developing a budget.</p> <p>Student Representatives' Report: Natalie Sliwka shared with the Board that senior students' college application deadlines have closed, and some college decisions are beginning to arrive.</p> <p>The Modern Band concert was recently held and showcased a wide range of musical styles and student talent.</p> <p>Midterms will be held next week, with half-days scheduled.</p> <p>John Osowiecki reported to the Board that midterms next week mark the start of a new semester, with the second quarter closing. This year, midterm grades will be reported separately rather than included in the quarter grades.</p> <p>Winter sports are ongoing, including basketball and hockey.</p> <p>The Class of 2027 is selling lanyards as a class fundraiser.</p> <p>Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Thompson thanked the Lewis Mills Athletic Club and the Harwinton Consolidated PTA Committee for their recent donations in support of students and school activities.</p> <p>Lewis Mills High School was recently recognized by the College Board as an AP Honor Roll School of Distinction. The school's program of studies is now available for the 2026–2027 school year.</p> <p>At the February regular Board meeting, the Superintendent will present the proposed budget.</p> <p>Board Chair Report: Chairman Savelle informed Board members that the audit conducted by MahoneySabel revealed no discrepancies.</p> <p>The Chairman also announced that the Board plans to hold a Special Board of Education Meeting, Listening Forum on January 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Deeb Auditorium</p> <p>A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Matt Szydlo to add the January 28, 2026, Special Board of Education Meeting, Listening Forum to the Board scheduled. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve December 8, 2025, minutes. 8 in favor; 1 abstain; none opposed; motion passed.</p>

Consent Agenda	<p>Approval of the Financial Report dated December 31, 2025, and Personnel Report: A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the consent agenda noting change to the retirement date year from 2025 to 2026. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
Public Participation	No one from the public chose to speak.
Business	A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to move the 5 Business items to Action item D on the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed.
Action Items	<p>2027-2028 District calendar: A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the 2027-2028 District Calendar as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.</p> <p>EdAdvance membership as Region 10 RESC: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Ragaglia for RSD 10 desire to be accepted by EdAdvance as their RESC membership. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed.</p> <p>Community Listening Forum: A motion was made by Victoria Basile and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to add the January 28, 2026, Community Listening Forum to the Board of Education meeting schedule. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed.</p> <p>A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Victoria Basile to accept/approve all the donations A-D & the field trip on the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed.</p>
Board Committee Reports	<p><u>Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – No reason to meet at this time.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Communication</u> – Have not met. Working on communication for school budget.</p> <p><u>Curriculum</u> – Next meeting is schedule January 20th.</p> <p><u>Facilities</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Finance</u> – Have not met.</p> <p><u>Policy</u> – Policies are up to date. No reason to meet currently.</p> <p><u>Security</u> – Met last Thursday</p> <p><u>Superintendent’s Evaluation</u> – The committee met last month. Melanie Wilhelm will be meeting with Superintendent to review this years goals.</p>

	Technology – Have not met.
Upcoming Meetings	Special Board of Education Meeting, Listening Forum; Wednesday, January 28; 7:00 p.m. in the John A. Deeb Auditorium. Regular meeting; Monday, February 9, 2026; 7:00 p.m. in the Har-Bur Media Center.
Adjourn	A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 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]

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