

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, February 9, 2026
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-Baltrush
Matt Cummings
Rachel McFadden
Scott Ragaglia

Absent:

Matthew Szydlo
John Osowiecki, Junior at Lewis Mills

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

<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>	HCS Student Pack Leaders and advisors were recognized for their dedication to giving back to the community by working on the canned food drive known as the "Souper Bowl" to benefit those in need.
<i>Communication</i>	Student Representatives' Report: Natalie Sliwka shared with the Board that Midterms are completed and went well overall. The new semester is now underway, with students having new classes and schedules. Winter sports are finishing up, and the girls' basketball team is having an outstanding season. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Thompson thanked the Lewis Mills Band Booster and the New Britain Museum of Art for their recent donations in support of students and school activities.

Communication Continued	On February 3, RSD 10 hosted the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, along with members of the Connecticut State Police Troop L. The district's School Resource Officer, Matt Funchion, presented an overview of the district's security program and highlighted how RSD 10's model can serve as an example for other school districts. The Superintendent thanked the Board members who attended the event. Over the weekend, Superintendent Thompson served as Master of Ceremonies for the Burlington/Harwinton Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby. Troop 23 includes more than 55 Cub Scouts. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. The Superintendent noted that significant time has been dedicated this month to development of the proposed budget. He thanked the entire administrative team for their collaboration and focus throughout the budget process. Board Chair Report: Chairman Savelle spoke about the community listening forum held on January 28th. The session was well attended and provided the Board with valuable community feedback. At this time, there are no additional updates. The Board remains focused on the budget process and will continue to keep the community informed through regular updates, including information shared with the monthly meeting agendas.
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve January 12, 2026, minutes. 8 in favor; 1 abstain; none opposed; motion passed. A motion was made by Victoria Basile and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to accept/approve January 28, 2026, minutes. 8 in favor; 1 abstain; none opposed; motion passed.
Consent Agenda	Approval of the Financial Report dated January 31, 2026, and Personnel Report & Exit Survey: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Rachel McFadden to accept/approve the consent as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Public Participation	Steven Dubois – 42 Burlington Ave. Burlington
Business	Donations: A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Victoria Basile to move the donations AB&C Business items to Action item AB&C on the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed. Proposed Budget Presentation: Superintendent Thompson presented the proposed 2026-2027 budget overview to the Board members. The proposed budget is a 5.37% increase over the 2025-2026 budget. The Board will meet for a series of budget workshops in February and March.

Action Items	Donations: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to accept/approve all the donations AB &C on the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed.
Board Committee Reports	<u>Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – No reason to meet at this time. May or June possible meeting to review the field project. <u>Building Committee</u> – Have not met. <u>Communication</u> – Have not met. The committee is working on an article about the budget. <u>Curriculum</u> – Met January 20th and discussed K-12 Band scheduling. Next meeting is March 17th. <u>Facilities</u> – Have not met. <u>Finance</u> – Have not met. Planning to meet prior to Feb 23rd workshop meeting. <u>Policy</u> – Policies are up to date and fully compliant. <u>Security</u> – Have not met. <u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> – Melanie met with the Superintendent Feb 2nd to review yearly goals. This information will be presented to the Board at an agreed upon date. <u>Technology</u> – Have not met.
Upcoming Meetings	Board of Education Workshop; Monday, February 23, 2026; 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Workshop; Monday, March 2, 2026; 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting; Monday, March 9, 2026; 7:00 p.m.
Adjourn	A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 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.