

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, March 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
Matthew Szydlo

Absent:

Natalie Sliwka, Senior at Lewis Mills

Also Present:

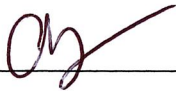
Fran Thompson, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Vonetta Romeo-Rivers, Director of Teaching and Learning
Debra Foley, Director of Student Services
John Osowiecki, Junior at Lewis Mills

<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>	HCS student singers and advisors were recognized for their dedication to giving back to the community by using their musical talents at the St. Jude telethon to help others in need.
<i>Communication</i>	Student Representatives' Report: John Osowiecki shared with the Board that winter sports are wrapping up across the district. The Lewis Mills Girls' Basketball Team are competing this evening in the second round of the tournament. The Lewis Mills Ice Hockey Team is scheduled to play in the state tournament on Tuesday, March 10. The RSD 10 Players will be performing the play <i>Anastasia</i> next week. In addition, the Penguin Plunge is scheduled for March 19th. This event raises funds in support of Special Olympics.

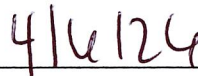
Communication Continue	Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Thompson thanked the Lewis Mills Band Booster, Har-Bur PTO and HCS PTO their recent donations in support of students and school activities. During the February winter break, Mr. Darcy, Har-Bur Associate Principal, chaperoned the Grade 7 trip to Quebec. The trip was successful and all went well. Last week, Superintendent Thompson participated as a judge at the Har-Bur Grade 5 and Grade 6 Invention Convention. The Superintendent invited the Board to attend a Chamber of Commerce event that will be hosted by Region 10 on April 9. Board Chair Report: Chairman Savelle shared that Board members participated in Read Across American by reading books at various classrooms. Chairman read an email from Kelly Mead of Burlington regarding CT public hearing currently before the State Legislature, House Bill 5468.
Board of Education Budget Workshop	Review: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Rachel McFadden to move the BOE budget review to Business item D on the agenda. 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 February 9, 2026, minutes. 8 in favor; 1 abstain; none opposed; motion passed. A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Matt Cummings to accept/approve March 2, 2026, minutes. Noting to change the year from 2025 to 2026. 8 in favor; 1 abstain; none opposed; motion passed.
Consent Agenda	Approval of the Financial Report dated February 28, 2026, and Personnel Report A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Victoria Basile to accept/approve the consent as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Public Participation	No one from the public chose to speak.
Business	Donations: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to move the Lake Garda donation item A from Business to Action item A on the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed. Proposed Tania McNaboe memorial bench:

	After discussing the Board agreed to have the proposed Tania McNaboe memorial bench agenda item added as an Action item at April BOE meeting. Har-Bur overnight field trip proposal-Quebec & Washington DC: After discussion and questions the Board agreed to have the Har-Bur overnight field trip proposal be posted as an Action item at April BOE meeting Board of Education budget workshop review: Superintendent Thompson and the Director of Finance and Operations addressed and discussed questions that had been received regarding the proposed 2026–2027 budget following the March 2, 2026 workshop. They also presented an overview of the proposed budget, including several adjustments that resulted in a reduction from the original budget presented at the March 2nd workshop. The Board will meet on March 30, 2026, to further review the proposed budget. The presentation and supporting materials are available through the Budget Central link on the Region 10 District homepage.
Action Items	Donations: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to accept/approve the Lake Garda donations item A on the agenda. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed.
Board Committee Reports	<u>Athletic Strategic Planning</u> –Have not met. <u>Building Committee</u> – Have not met. <u>Communication</u> – Have not met. The committee is working on an article about the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection visit to RSD 10. <u>Curriculum</u> – Next meeting is scheduled for March 17th. <u>Facilities</u> – Met this evening March 9th. The committee is reviewing an update on the 5 years Capital Plan. <u>Finance</u> – Met March 2nd before the BOE workshop meeting to discuss requested information from the Burlington First Selectman. The committee will be moving the 24-25 audited surplus allocation to the Board for vote at a future meeting. <u>Policy</u> – Have not met. <u>Security</u> – Have not met.

	<u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> – The committee is reviewing the Superintendent's goals before bringing to the full Board. <u>Technology</u> – Have not met.
<i>Upcoming Meetings</i>	Public Hearing on proposed budget; Monday, March 30, 2026; at 7:00 pm. Board of Education Regular Meeting; Monday, April 6, 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 8:55p.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.