

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, April 6, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Absent:

Victoria Basile
Amy Boisvert-Baltrush
Natalie Sliwka, Senior at Lewis Mills
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

<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>	Lewis Mills students and their advisor were recognized for their achievements as semi-finalists, with one student named a winner in the 33rd annual Letters About Literature contest, sponsored by UConn's Neag School of Education, Department of English, and the Connecticut Writing Project.
<i>Communication</i>	Student Representatives' Report: Natalie Sliwka & John Osowiecki were not present at the meeting.
	Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Thompson thanked the Har-Bur PTO for their recent donations in support of students and school activities. On April 9, the Superintendent will host the Burlington Chamber of Commerce Coffee Connection. This event will provide an opportunity to

<i>Communication Continue</i>	highlight the many positive efforts taking place across the district, as well as explore partnerships between students and local businesses. Superintendent Thompson also visited HCS during artist Rob Surette's presentation, where he showcased his live speed painting and compelling historical storytelling for students and staff. In addition, the Superintendent visited the Har-Bur World Language Department, which hosted a performance by the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet. Board Chair Report: Chairman Savelle informed the Board that a sign-up sheet is available for end-of-year events and announced that RSD 10 will be joining a new RESC in partnership with EdAdvance. He then introduced Jonathan Costa, Executive Director of EdAdvance, who welcomed the district and provided an overview of the organization's offerings.
<i>Approval of Minutes</i>	A motion was made by Matt Cummings and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve March 9, 2026, minutes. All in favor; no abstain; none opposed; motion passed. A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve March 30, 2026, minutes. All in favor; no abstain; none opposed; motion passed.
<i>Consent Agenda</i>	Approval of the Financial Report dated March 31, 2026, and Personnel Report: 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.
<i>Public Participation</i>	No one from the public chose to speak.
<i>Business</i>	Memorial Discussion: The policy committee will meet to draft a policy for the Board's review.
<i>Action Items</i>	Proposed Tania McNaboe memorial bench: A motion was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Matt Cummings to table Action item A to a future meeting date. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Har-Bur overnight field trip proposal-Quebec & Washington DC: A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Matt Szydlo to accept/approve the Har-Bur overnight field trip proposal-Quebec & Washington DC. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed. Health Food Certification: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Savelle as follows: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Regional School District 10 Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools

**Action Items
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under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups
All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

A **motion** was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Matt Cummings as follows:

The Regional School District 10 Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-2219q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

Approval of Auditors:

A **motion** was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to appoint Mahoney Sabol & Company, LLP to conduct the 2025-2026 annual audit. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

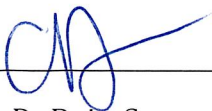
2024-2025 Surplus Allocation:

A **motion** was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Rachel McFadden to direct the Superintendent of Schools to provide a refund of the fiscal year 2024-2025 operating surplus of \$ 418,328.00 and \$ 194,965.00 to the towns of Burlington and Harwinton, respectively to offset the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget. Such refunds will be reflected as credits against the town payment in fiscal year 2026-2027. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

Approval of State non-priority grant for the HCS oil tank removal:

A **motion** was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Melanie Wilhelm to accept the State of Construction non-priority grant in the amount of approximately \$313,445.00 for the removal of the existing underground storage tank and the installation of the new above-ground storage tank at

	Harwinton Consolidated School (Project No. 210-0037 CV/OT). 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 in person. The committee recently approved a School Bell article on the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection visit to RSD 10. <u>Curriculum</u> –Met March 17th with an overview on Professional Development schedule from the Director of Teaching & Learning and discussed the Math program. April Curriculum meeting is cancelled. The committee will meet in May. <u>Facilities</u> – Have not met. <u>Finance</u> – Have not met. <u>Policy</u> – Have not met. Based on tonight’s meeting the committee will meet to discuss and review donation policy. <u>Security</u> – Have not met. <u>Superintendent’s Evaluation</u> – The board will discuss in executive session. <u>Technology</u> – Have not met.
Upcoming Meetings	Annual Meeting on District Budget; Monday, May 4, 2026; at 7:00 pm. Board of Education Regular Meeting; Monday, May 11, 2026; 7:00 p.m.
Executive Session	A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Rachel McFadden to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing Superintendent’s goals at 7:45 pm. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
	Out of Executive Session at 8:08pm
Adjourn	A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.



Cassandra DuBois, Secretary



Date

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, II. 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.

