

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013

Monday, May 11, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Scott Savelle, Chairman

Cassandra DuBois, Secretary

Amy Boisvert-Baltrush

Matt Cummings

Rachel McFadden

Scott Ragaglia

Matthew Szydlo

Absent:

Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman

Melanie Wilhelm, Treasurer

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

<i>Call to Order</i>	The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Savelle, at 7:01 p.m.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
<i>Region 10 Recognition</i>	Har-Bur student Xavier Winalski and teacher Bryan DeMambey were recognized for Xavier winning the CT Senator Paul Honig Veterans Day essay contest. Youth & Community Award Recognition: The Youth & Community Awards was presented to Meghan Morse for recognition of outstanding efforts to develop our youth and building a stronger RSD 10 community. Senior student representative: Chairman Savelle on behalf of the Board recognized Senior student Natalie Sliwka for her dedication to the Board and appreciation for her service.

Communication	Student Representatives' Report: Natalie Sliwka, Senior Board Representative, gave her final report to the Board. There are many end of the year events taking place at Lewis Mills, AP exam, NHS induction, Prom, Senior outing, Graduation and final exams to name a few. John Osowiecki shared with the Board that spring sports are doing well. There were some amazing music performances during the Big Band Bash and Choral Festival. The high school recently held a very successful pet food and pet supplies drive for local animal shelters. Middle School Update: Har-Bur Middle School Student Council Representatives', Aubrey Leger, Olivia McKay & Mari Lane shared with the Board a variety of events that had taken place at Har-Bur over the course of this school year. Some of the events and fundraisers included food drives, a school dance, spirit week to support CT Children Medical Center, staff appreciation week and many more. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Thompson thanked the Har-Bur PTO for their recent donations in support of students' end of the year school activities. Testing season is in full swing with SBA in Gr. 3-8 as well as AP testing at Lewis Mills. Many thanks to our students for doing their best and our teachers for preparing our students. The Superintendent recently attended some end of the year events, the Big Band Bash concert along with Seniors Shakespeare in the park all with excellent performances by the students. Deb Foley Director of Student Services was recognized. Deb will be published in educational magazine, <i>Teaching Exceptional Children</i> as co-author of the scholarly article, "What every Special Educator needs to know about AI". Board Chair Report: Chairman Savelle encourage Board member to attend and enjoy the many events taking place on campus whether a sports events or programs such as Shakespeare in the park. The Chairman is pleased to announce that the 2026-2027 budget was successfully passed last week. He acknowledges those who attend the Board meeting and continue to help communicate to the community on the Board's work.
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve April 6, 2026, minutes. All in favor; 1 abstain; none opposed; motion passed.

Approval of Minutes continue	A motion was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the Annual Budget May 4, 2026, meeting minutes. All in favor; 1 abstain; none opposed; motion passed.
Consent Agenda	Approval of the Financial Report dated April 30, 2026, and Personnel Report: A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois 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	Football Camp Trip: A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Rachel McFadden to move the football camp trip to an action item on the agenda. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. LM overnight trip to Philadelphia: After discussion the Board agreed the LM overnight trip to Philadelphia will be an action item on the June 2026 agenda. Policy revision P 3280: After discussion the Board agreed the Policy revision P 3280 will be an action item on the June 2026 agenda.
Action Items	E-RATE Resolution Authorizing the filing of & payment form Schools & Libraries Universal Service Program Services Ordered for the fiscal year 7/1/26 – 6/30/27: A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Scott Ragalia to accept/approve Be it resolved that the governing board for Regional School District 10 1. Authorizes the filing of FCC Form 471, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Services Ordered for the fiscal year 07/01/2026-06/30/2027. 2. Authorizes payment of the applicant's share subject to the following conditions: (1) Approval of funding of the discounted portion by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and (2) Receipt of services during the fiscal year 07/01/2026-06/30/2027. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. The removal/replacement of the underground storage tanks at HCS: A motion was made by Scott Savelle and seconded by Scott Ragalia that the Board approve Hughs Mechanical as the selected vendor for the underground oil tank removal and replacement project at Harwinton Consolidated School, in accordance with their submitted bid, in the total amount of \$417,389, and authorize the Superintendent (or designee) to execute all necessary contracts and related documents to proceed with the project. All in favor, none opposed; motion passed.

Action Items continue	Approval of Para Educator contract: A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Rachel McFadden to approve the Para Educator contract as presented. 6 in favor; 1 opposed; motion passed. Football Camp Trip: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Ragalia to approve the football camp to trip Camp Nett. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Board Committee Reports	<u>Athletic Strategic Planning</u> –Have not met. <u>Building Committee</u> – Met May 4th to move forward the contract for Harwinton oil tank removal. <u>Communication</u> – Have not met in person. Next article for School Bell is due June 12th. <u>Curriculum</u> – Next meeting is scheduled for May 19th. <u>Facilities</u> – Have not met <u>Finance</u> – Met May 4th to review the project timeline dates for the referendum. <u>Policy</u> – Met April 27th to discuss the memorial policy brought to the Board tonight. <u>Security</u> – Have not met. <u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> – Have not met <u>Technology</u> – Have not met. Next meeting is May 18th.
Upcoming Meetings	Board of Education Regular Meeting; Monday, June 8, 2026; 7:00 p.m.
Adjourn	A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.



 Cassandra DuBois, Secretary

6/8/2024

 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]

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