

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, June 8, 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
Rachel McFadden
Scott Ragaglia
Matthew Szydlo

Absent:

Matt Cummings

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
Guiliana Battisto, Sophomore 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>	RSD 10 Retirement Recognition: Retiring staff were recognized and thanked for their years of service to Region 10 with a certificate of appreciation. 2026-2027 Region 10 Teacher of the Year: Teacher of the Year committee members introduced and announced the newly nominated 2026-2027 RSD 10 Teacher of the Year – Ms. Sarah Urso
<i>Communication</i>	Student Representatives' Report: John Osowiecki shared with the Board that the upcoming weeks will be busy due to the end of the school year. Graduation for Seniors is being held June 11 th . With graduation the Board now has a new student representative, Guiliana.

**Communication
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The last day of classes for Grades 9-11 is June 12th with finals from June 15-19th. Also, sports are going well, with three teams in state tournaments.

Guiliana Battisto gave her first report to the Board. Recently, students from Lewis Mills culinary class participated in a "Sandwich Showdown" competition where they created sandwiches that were on the "I know a guy deli" menu for customers to pick the winner of the competition.

Make a mark is looking for new student members from the class of 2029 to join the group.

"Region10 Players" participated in the Halo Awards, where 109 schools participating. Lewis Mills won 10 awards at the event.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Thompson thanked the Harwinton Consolidated school PTO for their recent donations in support of students' enrichment program.

On May 21st Region 10 hosted four other districts as part of our Building Thinking Classroom Network.

Graduation is this Thursday evening at the Warner Theater.

In the midst of the joy of this season, we were greeted with a heartbreaking tragedy last week. Kindergarten student, Olivia Videtto. Field day was held on Friday celebrating the joy Olivia found each day at HCS.

Board Chair Report:

The Chairman recently attended the boys' lacrosse team during their participation in the state tournament. There are many wonderful end-of-year events taking place, including Flag Day, award ceremonies, Graduation, and various sports events. There is a sense of joy throughout our school community.

However, last week, the community experienced the tragic loss of a student, Olivia. Chairman Savelle expressed gratitude to everyone for their coordination and for supporting both the faculty and students during this difficult time. The Board is deeply appreciative of the entire region coming together in response to such a situation.

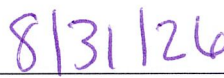
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Matt Szydlo and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve May 11, 2026, BOE Regular meeting minutes noting two edits. 6 approve; 3 abstain; none opposed; motion passed.
Consent Agenda	Approval of the Financial Report dated May 31, 2026, and Personnel Report: A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Public Participation	No one from the public chose to speak. Superintendent Thompson read a letter submitted by Kathryn Rosenfield – Lewis Mills Teacher
Business	Lewis Mills Band overnight trip to Boston February 2027: A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Victoria Basile to move the Lewis Mills band overnight trip to Boston in February 2027 from a Business item to an Action item on the agenda. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Increase lunch prices: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Victoria Basile to move the increase lunch prices from a Business item to an Action item on the agenda. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Potential bonding package: Director of Finance & Operations presented to the Board on Bond Issuance. After discussion the Board agreed this item will be on the August meeting agenda. Donation: Lake Garda enrichment program October 2026: The Board reviewed the Lake Garda enrichment program for October 2026. This will be an Action item on August meeting agenda.
Action Items	Lewis Mills overnight trip to Philadelphia: A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the Lewis Mills overnight trip to Philadelphia in October 2027. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Policy revision P 3280: A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Victoria Basile to accept/approve the revised P 3280 policy. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Authorize Director of Finance & Operation to make line-item transfers: A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to authorize the Director of Finance and Operations to make line-item transfers to cover line-item deficits with the Superintendent's approval. Such transfers may not exceed the overall appropriation of the 2025/2026 budget without prior approval by the Board of Education. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

Action Items continued	July Board of Education meeting: A motion was made by Tom Fausel and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to cancel the July 13, 2026, BOE meeting. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed. Set public hearing date for referendum: A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Scott Ragaglia that the Board of Education establish August 31, 2026, as the date for a public hearing to be held at a District meeting, in accordance with the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 10-56 and 10-47c. The purpose of said public hearing shall be to receive public comment and present information regarding the proposed issuance of bonds to fund district capital improvement projects, including but not limited to roof replacements, HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) replacements and a field enhancement project. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed Change date of August 17, 2026, BOE meeting to August 31, 2026: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Ragalia to change the Board of Education August 17, 2026, meeting date to August 31, 2026. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed Lewis Mills Band overnight trip to Boston February 2027: A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Rachel McFadden to approve the Lewis Mills Band overnight trip to Boston in February 2027. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed Increase lunch prices: A motion was made by Melanie Wilhelm and seconded by Victoria Basile to approve an increase of \$0.50 in student and adult lunch prices for the 2026–2027 school year, effective at the start of the school year. 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> – The committee partnered with Vonetta Romeo-Rivers and Joe Sousa to write an article for the School Bell. <u>Curriculum</u> –Met on May 19th. Director of Teaching & Learning and Director of Technology co-presented a status update of the districts AI in education plan to the committee. <u>Facilities</u> – Have not met. <u>Finance</u> – Have not met. <u>Policy</u> – Met a month ago to review the policy approved at tonights meeting.

Board Committee Reports continued	<u>Security</u> – Have not met. <u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> – Have not met. The committee will be corresponding over the summer. <u>Technology</u> – Met on May 18th and discussed budget request on prices for computer chips.
Upcoming Meetings	Board of Education Regular Meeting; Monday, August 31, 2026; time is to be determined; location will be John A. Deeb Auditorium in Lewis Mills High School.
Adjourn	A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. All in favor; none opposed; motion carried.



Cassandra DuBois, Secretary



Date

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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, ll. 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.

