

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, September 14, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Scott Savelle, Chairman
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman
Melanie Wilhelm, Treasurer
Cassandra DuBois, Secretary
Amy Boisvert-Baltrush
Rachel McFadden
Scott Ragaglia

Absent:

Victoria Basile
Matt Cummings
Matthew Szydlo

Also Present:

Fran Thompson, Superintendent
Susan Laone, Director of Finance and Operations
Vonetta Romeo-Rivers, Director of Teaching and Learning
Deb Foley, Director of Student Services
Nick Paganini, Har-Bur Student Ambassador
Lainey Levine, Har-Bur Student Ambassador

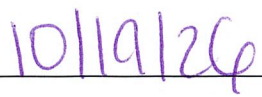
<i>Call to Order</i>	The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Savelle, at 7:04 p.m.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
<i>Recognition</i>	Superintendent Thompson recognized Senior class leaders for their assistance in welcoming the entire Region 10 staff to the district's 2026–2027 Convocation.
<i>Communication</i>	Student Representatives' Report: Nick Paganini and Lainey Levine both students shared with the Board that many of the school's sports and clubs have begun at Har-Bur Middle School, with lots of students getting involved. Both Nick and Lainey are members of the Student Ambassadors Club. Over the summer, the club welcomed incoming fifth-grade students during orientation. The student ambassadors led icebreakers and fun activities to help students get to know one another and feel more comfortable in their new school environment. They also provided tours of the school to help the incoming students become familiar with Har-Bur Middle School.

Communication Continued	The Student Ambassadors Club also participates in school events, including open house and parent-teacher conferences. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Thompson congratulated Lake Garda Elementary School for being recognized as one of the top 10 schools in Connecticut for its participation in the Kids Heart Challenge, sponsored by the American Heart Association. Superintendent Thompson recently spoke at the first annual Region 10 retiree luncheon, which was attended by 66 retired Region 10 staff members. The event was a wonderful reflection of the lasting impact Region 10 has had on those who dedicated their careers to making it such a special place. The Superintendent shared exciting news that Deb Foley will be speaking at a national conference in October titled, <i>Beyond the Classroom: Exploring New Spaces for Innovation in Education</i>. Board Chair Report: Chairman Savelle observed that holding Board meetings in the auditorium has provided Board members with an opportunity to see areas of the school they do not typically visit. Board members noted that the school facilities are in good condition, look well maintained, and are clean and welcoming. The Board received a booklet from the Superintendent titled <i>The Employee Journey</i>, which provides information for new RSD 10 employees. The Chairman expressed his appreciation for the Superintendent's clear and consistent communication. Noting that providing information clearly and consistently to all staff is helpful and ensures that everyone receives the same message. The Superintendent also provided the Chairman with a draft communication document outlining the facts and information related to the upcoming facilities referendum to be shared with the community. Chairman Savelle noted that the communication strategy is clear and emphasizes the importance of consistent messaging.
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the August 31, 2026, Special meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed; no abstention; motion passed. A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Rachel McFadden to accept/approve the August 31, 2026 Public Hearing meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed; no abstention; motion passed. A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the August 31, 2026, Regular meeting minutes. All in favor; none opposed; no abstention; motion passed.

Consent Agenda	Approval of the Financial Report and Personnel Report: A motion was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Ragaglia 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.
Business	2026-2027 District strategy framework presentation: Superintendent Thompson presented the district's aspirational vs actionable goals. Outlining a strategic framework centered on setting clear goals focused improvement strategies. The presentation emphasized the importance of high quality learning in every classroom, every day. Donations - Kind works mural HCS: After discussion, the Board agreed the donation for HCS will be on the October agenda.
Action Items	No action items on the agenda
Board Committee Reports	<u>Athletic Strategic Planning</u> – The committee has not met. <u>Building Committee</u> – Have not met. <u>Curriculum</u> – The committee is scheduled to meet September 22, 2026. <u>Communication</u> – The committee is scheduled to meet September 29, 2026. <u>Facilities</u> – The committee is planning to meet next month. <u>Finance</u> – Have not met. <u>Policy</u> – Have not met. <u>Security</u> – Have not met. <u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u> – The committee is scheduled to meet September 21, 2026. <u>Technology</u> – Have not met.
Upcoming Meetings	Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, October 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Har-Bur Learning Center.
Adjourn	A motion was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded by Cassandra DuBois to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.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.