REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
Monday, October 19, 2026,
7:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

Board Members Present:
Thomas Fausel, Vice Chairman
Melanie Wilhelm, Treasurer
Cassandra DuBois, Secretary
Victoria Basile
Amy Boisvert-Baltrush
Rachel McFadden
Scott Ragaglia

Absent:
Scott Savelle, Chairman
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
John Osowiecki, Senior at Lewis Mills
Guiliana Battisto, Junior at Lewis Mills

Acting Chair: Vice Chairman Thomas Fausel presided in the absence of the Chairman.

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Thomas Fausel, at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Recognition	Region 10 athletic teams and students were recognized for their support and efforts to raise awareness and funds to promote Breast Cancer Awareness during the month of October.
Communication	**Student Representatives' Report:** **John Osowiecki,** shared with the Board that Lewis Mills recently celebrated Spirit Week, which included activities such as Pajama Day, Backpack Day, and Color Day. Homecoming was also recently held and had a good turnout. The senior class took a field trip to Boston, MA, while other high school students took the PSAT. The first quarter ends on October 30th.

Communication Continued	Upcoming events include parent-teacher conferences, college application, Senior Halloween parade, and the Senior Citizen Prom. **<u>Guiliana Battisto</u>** reported to the Board that Spirit Week and the Homecoming dance were recently held, with strong attendance and participation. Lewis Mills High School athletic teams are performing well. The girls' rowing team will be going to Saratoga Springs, NY to compete. Fall sports teams will be holding their Senior Nights over the next several weeks to recognize and celebrate their Senior athletes. **<u>Superintendent's Report:</u>** Superintendent Thompson recently attended the Burlington Chamber of Commerce's monthly meeting. In April, RSD 10 will host a meeting of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce. Last weekend district administrators met with a representative from Shipman & Goodwin LLP to learn about recent changes to Connecticut statutes affecting public education. Over the weekend the Superintendent attended the Husky Hustle event at Harwinton Consolidated School, sponsored by the PTO. Although the air was cool, spirits were high. Lake Garda Elementary School recently held a successful Read-a-Thon. At the end of the week, the school celebrated students' hard work and dedication to reading with a school-wide assembly, during which the principal was slimed! **<u>Board Chair Report:</u>** Chairman Fausel discussed the upcoming November 2nd election, which will include a referendum related to RSD 10. He encouraged everyone to vote and to remind members of the community to participate in the election.
Approval of Minutes	A **motion** was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Rachel McFadden to accept/approve September 14, 2026, minutes. All in favor; none opposed; 1 abstain; motion passed.
Consent Agenda	**Approval of the Financial Report dated September 30, 2026, 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	**<u>Budget Schedule - 2026-2027 BOE budget season schedule:</u>** The Board will review the 2026- 2027 budget schedule. This will be an action item on November agenda.

Business Continued	**Regular Meeting Schedule - 2027-2028 BOE meeting schedule:** After discussion the Board agreed this item will be an action item on November agenda. **Donation - Lewis Mills - Athletic booster club**: The donation will be an action item on the November BOE agenda. **Field trip: Lewis Mills - Harvard Model UN conference Boston, MA:** The field trip will be an action item on November BOE meeting agenda. **Field trip - Lewis Mills - Girl's lacrosse, Camp Jewell:** Camp Jewel field trip will be an action item on the November BOE agenda. **New course proposal - UCONN ECE Exercise & Wellness for everyone:** After review and discussion, the Board agreed the new course proposal will be an action item on the November BOE agenda. **Continuous Improvement:** The Elementary and Middle School Principals presented an overview of the 2025-2026 student achievement data along with their 2026-2027 School Continuous Improvement Plans.
Action Items	**Donation: Kind works mural HCS** A **motion** was made by Scott Ragaglia and seconded Cassandra DuBois to accept/approve the HCS Kind works mural donation. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.
Board Committee Reports	**Athletic Strategic Planning** – Have not met. **Building Committee** – Have not met. **Curriculum –** The committee met on September 22nd to review the new ECE class. The Director of Teaching & Learning provided an overview of the start of the school year. The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2026. **Communication** – The committee met on September 29th to review Superintendent Thompson's proposed communication schedule for the district's facilities referendum. The committee also discussed the upcoming issue of *The School Bell*. **Facilities** –The committee met on October 14th. The Director of Facilities presented an overview of the work completed on district buildings and grounds over the summer. The HCS donation mural was also discussed and reviewed. **Finance** – The committee is scheduled to meet November 4th. **Policy** – Have not met. They will meet if needed to review Board policies with the up-and-coming statutory changes. **Security** –Have not met.

Board Committee Reports Continued	**<u>Superintendent's Evaluation</u>** –Met September 21st to review the Superintendents goals. **<u>Technology</u> –** Is planning to meet in November.
Upcoming Meetings	Board of Education Regular meeting; Monday, November 9, 2026, 7:00 p.m. in the Har-Bur Media Center.
Adjourn	A **motion** was made by Cassandra DuBois and seconded by Scott Ragaglia to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. All in favor; none opposed; motion passed.

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Cassandra DuBois, Secretary Date

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