

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2026 7:00 PM

Town Campus Hammonasset Room/Zoom
10 Campus Drive
Madison, CT 06443

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order / Attendance

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Emily Rosenthal. Mrs. Rosenthal led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, Emily Rosenthal, Jessica Wilen

Also present: Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Katherine Rizzo and Ethan Scheps

Kate shared that freshman orientation took place on August 26, the first day of school was a success, back to school night takes place this week, students received a presentation on a new Mastery Based-Transcript program, the senior picnic will take place in late September, and she reported on the new cell phone policy. She said while the reaction from students to the policy has been mixed, students are complying with the policy. Ethan shared that many juniors are experiencing the heavy work load of junior year, the fall play is coming up, sports scrimmages have started, the first home football game is Sept. 18, and student leadership will have its first meeting this Friday.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Opening of School – Dr. Cooke shared that we had a strong opening of the school year, he gave an enrollment update, transportation started strong and continues to improve, the cell phone policy is in place at the high school and the students are working hard to be compliant, and the administration is pleased to see a surge in enrollment in middle school sports this fall.
- Class of 2027 Graduation Date – The graduation date for the Class of 2027 is Thursday, June 10, 2027.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Rosenthal read a press release announcing Madison won State recognition for roadway safety with the Vision Zero Distinction Award.

VI. Audience Response to Information Presented (Ref. Bylaw #9540.10)

VII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of August 27, 2026
- Budget Expenditures as of August 27, 2026
- Summer 2026 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Cawley, Infantine-Vyce, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

IX. Board Committees / Liaison Updates (Ref. Bylaw #9450)

Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Catherine Miller, Chair; Mary Ann Connelly, Jessica Wilen

No report.

Facilities Committee

Members: Lisa Deane, Chair; Diane Infantine-Vyce, Kevin Fogarty

Dr. Infantine-Vyce gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. Director of Facilities Peter Anderson gave an update on summer building maintenance, cleaning, and improvements as well as an update on the new Indoor Air Quality reports mandated by the state and the significant associated costs.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Kevin Fogarty, Jessica Wilen

No report.

Personnel Committee

Members: Maureen Lewis, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Lewis reported that the committee met on Aug. 20 to start negotiations with AMA.

Policy Committee

Members: Diane Infantine-Vyce, Chair; Maureen Lewis, Galen Cawley

Dr. Infantine-Vyce reviewed the policy on the agenda for action tonight.

Policies for Review, Second Reading:

- 5030.2 Interdistrict School Attendance Areas

LEARN Liaison

Galen Cawley

No report.

X. Action Item: Motion to approve policy 5030.2 Interdistrict School Attendance Areas.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to approve policy 5030.2 Interdistrict School Attendance Areas.

AYES: Cawley, Infantine-Vyce, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Wilen to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 1

XII. Future Agenda Items

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Infantine-Vyce, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

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