

Board of Education Special Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 5:30 PM

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

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

Video documentation of these proceedings can be found in the Meetings/Minutes section of the website.

I. Call to Order / Attendance

The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Kathryn Hart, Polson Middle School Principal; Martha Curran, Polson Middle School Assistant Principal

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman

Brooke was unable to attend. Grace shared that course registration was completed at the end of January and a career fair for juniors was held last week. She also gave an update on the numerous events or fundraisers DHHS clubs are currently organizing or supporting.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Student Recognition: Arjun Atluri – Dr. Cooke and Ms. Hart recognized Polson Middle School student Arjun Atluri for his work as a Scholastic Kid Reporter.
- Staff Recognition: Lauren Danner - Dr. Cooke and Ms. Hart recognized Polson Middle School teacher Lauren Danner who was recently named a recipient of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). Recognitions can be seen in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin shared that he was able to join Polson students last week for a VR Tour as part of a social studies unit.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of January 31, 2025
- Budget Expenditures as of January 31, 2025
- January Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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

Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

Mr. Pynn gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. The committee heard a presentation on the Madison Community PreK Consortium.

Facilities Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Steven Pynn, Diane Infantine-Vyce

No report.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Christine Maisano, Emily Rosenthal

No report.

Personnel Committee

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

No report.

Policy Committee

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

No report.

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

X. Action Item: Motion to adopt the following curriculum units: Sports & Performance Nutrition, Acting Workshop and Grade 9 Units 2 and 3, Math Enrichment Grades 4, 5 and

6, Grades 7/8 Chorus, Grade 8 Acting for Theatre, Grade 8 Musical Theatre, Grades 9-12 Theory & Composition, Grade 3 Social Studies, Latin II, American Sign Language II

Following a discussion and a friendly amendment to the action item, the motion was made as follows:

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Miller to adopt the following curriculum units: Sports & Performance Nutrition, Acting Workshop and Grade 9 ELA Units 2, Math Enrichment Grades 4, 5 and 6, Grades 7/8 Chorus, Grade 8 Acting for Theatre, Grade 8 Musical Theatre, Grades 9-12 Theory & Composition, Grade 3 Social Studies, Latin II, American Sign Language II.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Board of Education Budget workshop (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Board of Education Budget workshop.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Board of Education Special Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Board of Education Special Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Future Agenda Items

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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