

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 10, 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 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Lisa Deane, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, 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

*Grace Ackerman and Katherine Rizzo*

Grace shared that T2 exams are coming up, Miss shoreline Connecticut recently visited student leadership to talk about successful leadership skills, scholarship applications for seniors have been sent out, and she was pleased to announce that she received the coveted Coke Scholarship. Katherine shared that students enjoyed February break and the bonus snow days that came after, girls basketball won their states game and will advance, VIBE had a clean sweep at its last competition, and March 14 DHHS will host SAT testing.

IV. Superintendent's Report

*Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.*

- Board Member Appreciation Month – Dr. Cooke thanked members for all the volunteer work they do as Board members.
- 2025-2026 Budget – Dr. Cooke discussed the current impact snow removal and overages and special education are having on the current operating budget and how the District plans to address these areas. The conversation can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.
- Mission & Vision – Dr. Cooke reminded the Board that we have been working on this for some time and he feels we are in a good place to have a vote tonight.

V. Board Members' Comments

Dr. Infantine-Vyce asked clarifying questions about the 25-26 budget numbers.

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 Feb. 27, 2026.
- Budget Expenditures as of Feb. 27, 2026.
- February 2026 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the consent agenda.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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

Curriculum and Student Development

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

Mrs. Miller gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. She shared that the committee received a robust presentation on STEAM programming K-12.

Facilities Committee

*Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair; Diane Infantine-Vyce, Lisa Deane*

No report.

Finance Committee

*Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Emily Rosenthal, Jessica Wilen*

Mr. Cawley gave a report that took place earlier in the evening. He discussed the District's current 25-26 budget position and the process for the 26-27 budget.

Personnel Committee

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

No report.

Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce reviewed the policies on the agenda this evening for a first reading and policies on the agenda for approval after waiving the second read. Board members discussed policy 6144.2 Reevaluation of Challenged Instructional Materials and Library Media Center Resources and the discussion can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

Policy for Review, First Reading:

- 6144.2 Reevaluation of Challenged Instructional Materials and Library Media Center Resources
- 5060.1.2 Nonresidents

Policy for Review, Waive Second Reading:

- 3240 Non-Resident Admission and Tuition Fees
- 5120.4.2.5 Procedures for Reporting Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault

LEARN Liaison  
*Galen Cawley*

No report.

Ad-Hoc Facilities Committee Liaison  
*Seth Klaskin*

Mr. Klaskin gave a report on the recent actions taken by the Ad-Hoc Facilities Committee regarding town facilities including vacated form school properties. The report can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the Board Mission and Vision.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Lewis to approve the Board Mission and Vision.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from Madison Cultural Arts, Inc. to Madison Public Schools in the amount of \$2,500 to support student access to the arts.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve a donation from Madison Cultural Arts, Inc. to Madison Public Schools in the amount of \$2,500 to support student access to the arts.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 3240 Non-Resident Admission and Tuition Fees, 5120.4.2.5 Procedures for Reporting Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to waive the second reading and approve policies 3240 Non-Resident Admission and Tuition Fees and 5120.4.2.5 Procedures for Reporting Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Wilen, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 Special Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Deane to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 Special Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XV. Future Agenda Items

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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