

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 7:30 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 regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis (on Zoom), Cathy Miller (on Zoom), Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

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

### II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

### III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

*Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman*

Grace shared that the recent NEAS&C visit to the high school went well and the annual Thanksgiving Hand vs. Guilford football game will take place on Nov. 27. Brooke reported that the high school just completed Trimester One exams, seniors are filling out college applications, and there are many student performances coming up in December including the Fall Play and winter concerts.

### IV. Board of Selectmen Liaison's Report

*Scott Murphy*

Mr. Murphy gave a report on the recent Board of Selectmen meeting and various current and upcoming projects in town. The comments can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

### V. Superintendent's Report

*Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.*

- NEAS&C Visit – Dr. Cooke shared that the NEAS&C visit to Daniel Hand High School went well and the administration received positive feedback from the visiting team. A full report on the visit is expected in the spring.
- Revised 2025-2026 CIP – A number of projects were reduced or removed from the CIP to make space for the DHHS roof project. Dr. Cooke said removed projects are either already complete or will be addressed through other projects such as the larger Polson renovation project.

- Nonlapsing Education Fund Request – the nonlapsing fund was established earlier this year and supports one-time expenditures. Dr. Cooke said the administration would like to spend a small portion of these funds to replace the athletic scoreboard at DHHS and the remainder of the funds will be used to support the PreK classroom renovations at Brown School.

#### VI. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin reported that five Board members recently attended the CABA Conference and received the Board of Distinction Award.

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

No members of the public spoke.

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

##### Curriculum and Student Development

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

No report.

##### Facilities Committee

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

No report.

##### Finance Committee

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

Mr. Cawley said the committee met earlier this evening and discussed the revised CIP, the nonlapsing fund request, and the 25-26 budget process.

##### 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 gave a report on the policy committee meeting that took place earlier in the evening as well as the following policies on the agenda for adoption this evening:

##### *Policies for Review, Second Reading:*

- 1370 Non-Discrimination
- 4030.5 Family and Medical Leave
- 4118.1 Non-Discrimination
- 4118.14 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- 5020.1 Non-Discrimination
- 5200 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

LEARN Liaison  
*Mary Ann Connelly*

Mrs. Connelly was unable to attend the Board meeting. Mr. Klaskin shared her report on the Oct. 10 LEARN meeting.

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve the 2025-2026 DHHS Program of Studies.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the 2025-2026 DHHS Program of Studies.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the revised 2025-2026 CIP.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the revised 2025-2026 CIP.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the return of \$326,633 in CIP CNRE project balances to the CIP CNRE Master Account.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Cawley to approve the return of \$326,633 in CIP CNRE project balances to the CIP CNRE Master Account.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the use of funds from the Nonlapsing Education Reserve for the following items: Athletics Scoreboard (\$19,687) and PreK Classroom renovations at Brown School (\$121,502)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to approve the use of funds from the Nonlapsing Education Reserve for the following items: Athletics Scoreboard (\$19,687) and PreK Classroom renovations at Brown School (\$121,502).

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: 1370 Non-Discrimination, 4030.5 Family and Medical Leave, 4118.1 Non-Discrimination, 4118.14 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 5020.1 Non-Discrimination, 5200 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Pynn to approve the following policies: 1370 Non-Discrimination, 4030.5 Family and Medical Leave, 4118.1 Non-Discrimination, 4118.14 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 5020.1 Non-Discrimination, 5200 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XV. Future Agenda Items

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

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

NAYS:  
ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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