

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 6:00 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 6:00 p.m. by Secretary Emily Rosenthal. Mrs. Rosenthal led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Lisa Deane, 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; Elizabeth Battaglia, Ed.D., Director of Special Education; Heather Dobson, Director of Human Resources; Aaron Fliss, Director of Administrative Services; Peter Anderson, Director of Facilities; Ben Whitaker, Director of Construction and Planning; Stacy Nobitz, Director of Finance; Anthony Salutari Jr., Daniel Hand High School Principal; Brian Bodner, Daniel Hand High School Assistant Principal; Melanie Whitcher, Daniel Hand High School Assistant Principal; Kathryn Hart, Polson Middle School Principal; Martha Curran, Polson Middle School Assistant Principal; Kelly Spooner, Brown Elementary School Principal; Frank Henderson, Brown Elementary School Assistant Principal; Becky Frost, Neck River Elementary School Principal; Sherry Farmer, Neck River Elementary School Assistant Principal; Chris Farrell, Athletic Director

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- 2026-2027 Recommended Budget Presentation – Dr. Cooke presented the Administrative Team's proposed 2026-2027 budget. The presentation can be seen in full on the meeting record posted on the District website.

IV. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin submitted a comment reminding Board members about the upcoming legislative breakfast. Dr. Infantine-Vyce asked a question about the recent roof drain leak at Neck River.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VI. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Budget Expenditures as of December 31, 2025
- December 2025 Personnel Report

VII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Connelly to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

VIII. 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 Jan. 13 committee meeting. The agenda included a presentation on an international trip to Germany, SchooLinks, AI SEL lessons, the Mastery Transcript pilot program.

Facilities Committee

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

No report.

Finance Committee

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

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce gave a report on the policies on the agenda for action this meeting as well as the policies discussed at the Dec. 16 committee meeting:

Policy for Review, Second Reading:

- 5110.4 Student Discipline

Policy for Review, Waive Second Reading:

- 4119 Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Reports of Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees
- 5180.1 Confidentiality and Access to Education Records
- 6130.2.2 Curricular Exemptions
- 6050 Parental Access to Instructional Material

LEARN Liaison

Galen Cawley

No report.

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve policy #5110.4 Student Discipline.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve policy #5110.4 Student Discipline.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 4119 Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Reports of Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees, 5180.1 Confidentiality and Access to Education Records, 6130.2.2 Curricular Exemptions, 6050 Parental Access to Instructional Material

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 4119 Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Reports of Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees, 5180.1 Confidentiality and Access to Education Records, 6130.2.2 Curricular Exemptions, 6050 Parental Access to Instructional Material.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from Steady Photography to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$3,208.50 for staff development.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Wilen to approve a donation from Steady Photography to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$3,208.50 for staff development.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from Steady Photography to Polson Middle School in the amount of \$2,316.10 to support student activities.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to approve a donation from Steady Photography to Polson Middle School in the amount of \$2,316.10 to support student activities.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Madison Foundation to Daniel Hand High School in the amount of \$10,000 for the Spring 2026 International Bermuda Trip.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Deane to approve a donation from the Madison Foundation to Daniel Hand High School in the amount of \$10,000 for the Spring 2026 International Bermuda Trip.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Wilen, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XV. Future Agenda Items

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Deane to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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