

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 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 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Lisa Deane, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis (on Zoom), 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 a voter registration event for students is happening May 18, May 1 is future commitment day for seniors, the world language honors society applications will open soon, May 9 is the hands-on wheels fundraiser, and AP testing starts next week. Kate shared that the college and career fair is April 29, the spring musical was a big success, NHS applications are in, class officer applications just opened, and the Madison Youth and Services board rep application has opened.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- End-of-Year Events – Dr. Cooke shared with Board members a number of end-of-year celebrations they will be invited to including Polson Promotion and the Class of 2026 Graduation.
- Legislative Updates -Dr. Cooke shared that the legislative session will end May 6 and the District is awaiting more details on a number of bills including ones focused on homeschooling and cell phones in schools.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin expressed condolences on the passing of Madison VFW Commander Larry Brundrett, a local veteran who helped bring programming to the schools on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

Dr. Infantine-Vyce congratulated Fencing Coach Mike Ginsburg on being named Fencing Coach of the Year.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VII. 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: 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 policy committee meeting that took place earlier in the evening. She said the committee discussed five policies, all of which will be moved forward to the full Board next meeting.

LEARN Liaison

Galen Cawley

No report.

VIII. Discuss and take possible action on the proposed New Board Member Handbook.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to adopt the proposed New Board Member Handbook.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

IX. Discuss and take possible action on the Board's position on cell phones.

Discussion can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Connelly to recommend directing the Superintendent to develop and implement, in accordance with state law, a bell-to-bell personal wireless communication device ban to be implemented PreK-12 for

the 2026-2027 school year. The Board further instructs the policy committee to revise and/or develop policies to enforce the personal wireless communication device ban.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XI. Future Agenda Items

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Wilen to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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