

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 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 7:30 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, Christine Maisano, Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Elizabeth Battaglia, Ed.D., Director of Special Education; Heather Dobson, Director of Human Resources; Arthur Sickle, Director of Administrative Services; Peter Anderson, Director of Facilities; 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; Frank Henderson, Brown Intermediate School Principal; Kelly Spooner, Ryerson Elementary School Principal; Becky Frost, Jeffrey Elementary School Principal; Chris Farrell, Athletic Director

### II. School / Community Session

The following members of the public spoke on the topic of the learning model for Grades 4 & 5 in 2025-2026. The comments can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

Aviva Luria – 167 Scotland Road  
Paul Cislo – 230 Copse Road  
Sandra Olenik  
AJ Miller – 109 Cottage Road  
Dennis Volpe – 454 Bartlett Drive  
Meredith Young – 78 Wildcat Road  
John Huffman - 56 Cedarcroft Drive  
Maya Bird – 31 Morgan Park, Clinton

Stephanie Amport - 92 Bartlett Drive  
Erica McMillan – 24 Lenore Drive  
Jenny Ney – 66 High Hill Circle  
Jose Aviles – 38 Cornfield Lane  
Maureen Burke – 230 Copse Road  
Melanie Lahti – 280 Opening Hill Road  
Beth Azeveda – 81 Silo Hill

### III. Superintendent's Report

*Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.*

- 2025-2026 Requested Budget presentation – Dr. Cooke presented the 2025-2026 budget. The requested budget represents a 2.27 percent increase over the current year’s spending. The presentation can be viewed in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.
- Meetings - In response to public comment, Dr. Cooke shared there will be a number of grade level or whole-school informational meetings at Jeffrey, Ryerson, and Brown for families to learn more about the 25-26 PreK-5 model.

IV. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin congratulated Mr. Cawley on being named the new CIP Chair.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VI. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of Dec. 20, 2024
- Budget Expenditures as of Dec. 20, 2024
- December 2024 Personnel Report

VII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

VIII. 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 in the meeting. He said the committee heard a presentation on a number of courses ready for adoption.

Facilities Committee

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

Mrs. Rosenthal gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. She said Facilities Director Peter Anderson reviewed Indoor Air Quality reports and gave an update on current projects.

Finance Committee

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

Mr. Cawley gave a report on the December meeting where the committee reviewed the 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 gave a report on the policy on the agenda for adoption.

Policy for Review, Second Reading:

- 9210 Role of Board and Members

LEARN Liaison

*Mary Ann Connelly*

Mrs. Connelly gave a report on the December Learn meeting.

IX. Action Item: Motion to adopt the proposed Geometry textbook, *Geometry Concepts and Connections*.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to adopt the proposed Geometry textbook, *Geometry Concepts and Connections*.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from Steady Photography to Jeffrey Elementary School in the amount of \$1,611.68 for student activities.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve a donation from Steady Photography to Jeffrey Elementary School in the amount of \$1,611.68 for student activities.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve policy 9210 Role of Board and Members

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to policy 9210 Role of Board and Members.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,  
Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal  
NAYS:  
ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024 Board of Education Meeting  
(Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to  
approve the minutes of the December 10, 2024 Board of  
Education Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,  
Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal  
NAYS:  
ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIII. Future Agenda Items

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to  
adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,  
Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal  
NAYS:  
ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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