

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 1, 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 (Zoom), Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

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

### **II. School / Community Session**

Six members of the public spoke. Comments can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

Jim Macdonald, 17 Todds Mill Circle

Margaret Walz, 14 Lawson Drive

Beth Azeveda, 81 Silo Hill Road

Shelly Grosso, 96 Princess Drive

Heather Collins, 104 Bartlett Drive

Julia Philips, 33 Sheffield Lane

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

*Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman*

Grace reported on NHS applications, trimester progress reports, and VIBE's recent success at Nationals. Brooke reported on the upcoming mental health day event, the upcoming multicultural event, and gave an update on the Nite Out of Hand planning efforts.

### **IV. Superintendent's Report**

*Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.*

- Student Presentation - DHHS Junior David Jacoby shared with the Board an essay he wrote in his AP Language class on the cellphones and screen time.
- Paraprofessional Appreciation Day – April 2 is paraprofessional appreciation day. Dr. Cooke thanked paras in the District for their work supporting our students.
- Communications Presentation – the communications coordinator gave a presentation on communication efforts across the District.

## V. Board Members' Comments

At the start of the meeting, Mr. Klaskin notified the Board that member Christine Maisano had submitted her resignation. The Board will formally accept the resignation at the next meeting.

Board members congratulated VIBE on its recent success at Nationals.

## 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 March 26, 2025 (None)
- Budget Expenditures as of March 26, 2025
- March 2025 Personnel Report

## VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

## IX. 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 earlier in the meeting. The committee heard presentations on the Grades 4/5 integrated unit design, after-school extension activities, and the CSDE assessment audit.

### 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 meeting. The committee received a report from Facilities Director Pete Anderson on all ongoing projects in the District.

### Finance Committee

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

No report.

### Personnel Committee

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

Mrs. Lewis said MAESS negotiations are ongoing.

Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce gave an overview of the policies on the agenda for action.

Policies for review, second reading:

- 2300 Hold on the Destruction of Records
- 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- 5131.914 Safe School Climate Policy
- 6070.1 Curriculum Development
  - *Then Rescind 6070.2 Curriculum*
- 6146.3 Credit for Online Courses

LEARN Liaison

*Mary Ann Connelly*

Mrs. Connelly gave a report on the most recent meeting.

X. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from Jon LaRiviere to the DHHS Fencing Program in the amount of \$8500 to purchase fencing equipment.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve a donation from Jon LaRiviere to the DHHS Fencing Program in the amount of \$8500 to purchase fencing equipment.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the disposal of used books and equipment.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the disposal of used books and equipment.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to rescind policy 6070.2 Curriculum

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to rescind policy 6070.2 Curriculum.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: 2300 Hold on the Destruction of Records, 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention, 5131.914 Safe School Climate Policy, 6070.1 Curriculum Development, 6146.3 Credit for Online Courses

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the following policies: 2300 Hold on the Destruction of Records, 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention, 5131.914 Safe School Climate Policy, 6070.1 Curriculum Development, 6146.3 Credit for Online Courses.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce, Pynn

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0 – 2

XV. Future Agenda Items

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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