

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 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 7:01 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, Emily Rosenthal, Jessica Wilen

Also present: Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Heather Dobson, Human Resources Director

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Grace Ackerman and Katherine Rizzo

Grace reported on the recent sports wins, the upcoming National Honor Society induction, the recent Seal of Biliteracy exam, and the latest issue of the student newsletter. Kate reported on the successful fall play and the plan for the spring musical, the recent VEX robotics competition, and the in-school Veterans Day assembly.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Staff Recognition - Joe Barraco
- Preschool Program Update – Dr. Cooke said that the PreK program, which is currently split between the two elementary schools, would be consolidated next year at Brown Elementary School.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin congratulated the Board for receiving the CABA Board of Distinction Award Level II.

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 Nov. 12, 2025
- Budget Expenditures as of Nov. 12, 2025
- October 2025 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

IX. 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

Mrs. Rosenthal reported that the committee had a tour of Brown Elementary on Nov. 18 and was impressed by the amount of work done to transform the building into an elementary school.

Finance Committee

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

No report.

Personnel Committee

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

Mr. Klaskin reported that the committee reached an agreement with the nurses union. The contract is now on the agenda for Board approval.

Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce gave a report on the policies on the agenda as an action item this evening:

Policies for Review, Waive Second Reading:

- 4030.5 Family and Medical Leave
- 6080.1.1 Educating Students in the Gifted and Talented Program
- 9510 Time, Place, and Notice of Meetings
- 6154 Homework

LEARN Liaison

Galen Cawley

No report.

X. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the DHHS Boys Soccer Boosters to the Boys Varsity Soccer team in the amount of \$4000 for parkas.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to approve a donation from the DHHS Boys Soccer Boosters to the Boys Varsity Soccer team in the amount of \$4000 for parkas.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 4030.5 Family and Medical Leave, 6080.1.1 Educating Students in the Gifted and Talented Program, 9510 Time, Place, and Notice of Meetings, 6154 Homework.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 4030.5 Family and Medical Leave, 6080.1.1 Educating Students in the Gifted and Talented Program, 9510 Time, Place, and Notice of Meetings, 6154 Homework.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the disposal of used equipment.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to approve minutes of the October 28, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Deane, Wilen

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 2

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025 Board of Education Organizational Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Wilen to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025 Board of Education Organizational Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025 Board of Education Retreat (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025 Board of Education Retreat.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XVI. Action Item: Discuss and take possible action on the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union/ Madison BOE Nurses Local 424-Unit 137 (7/01/25 - 6/30/28). (Discussion proposed for Executive Session).

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Wilen to enter into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union/ Madison BOE Nurses Local

424-Unit 137 and invite in Superintendent of School Dr. Craig Cooke and Human Resources Director Heather Dobson.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Wilen to return to Regular Session at 7:43 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to approve the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the United Public Service Employees Union/ Madison BOE Nurses Local 424-Unit 137 (7/01/25 - 6/30/28).

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XVII. Future Agenda Items

Board members requested security, educational technology, and cell phones be on a future agenda.

XVIII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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