

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 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 7:00 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, Cathy Miller, Anthony Paolitto, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Dr. Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Peter Anderson, Director of Facilities; Stacy Nobitz, Director of Finance

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Opening of School – Dr. Cooke said we had an exciting first day of school under our new four school configuration. He said transportation in the morning went well. The afternoon was more of a challenge but he expects things will improve as the week goes on. He said there was a lot of excitement across the District.
- 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program – Dr. Cooke reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 CIP requests.
- Class of 2026 Graduation Date: June 17, 2026 – Dr. Cooke announced the graduation date for the Class of 2026 as Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

IV. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin congratulated everyone on the opening of school and the work that had been done over the summer. Mr. Cawley congratulated the District for bringing the Neck River building project in on time and under budget. Mr. Pynn remarked on the amount of curriculum writing that took place over the summer. Mrs. Rosenthal said Convocation was a great event.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VI. Board Committees / Liaison Updates (Ref. Bylaw #9450)

Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

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 the committee reviewed the work done over the summer and the 2026-2027 CIP requests.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Emily Rosenthal

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

No report.

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

Town Facilities Committee

Seth Klaskin

Mr. Klaskin gave a report on the Town facilities committee.

VII. Action Item: Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Plan as amended.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the DHHS Boys Soccer Boosters to the Varsity Boys Soccer Team in the amount of \$2,500 for jerseys.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Lewis to approve a donation from the DHHS Boys Soccer Boosters to the Varsity Boys Soccer Team in the amount of \$2,500 for jerseys.

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

NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the DHHS Girls Soccer Boosters to the Varsity Girls Soccer Team in the amount of \$2,500 for alternate uniforms.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve a donation from the DHHS Girls Soccer Boosters to the Varsity Girls Soccer Team in the amount of \$2,500 for alternate uniforms.

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

NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Jeffrey School PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$17,750 for picnic tables and buddy benches.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve a donation from the Jeffrey School PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$17,750 for picnic tables and buddy benches.

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

NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XI. Action item: Motion to approve a donation from the Brown School PTO to Brown Elementary School in the amount of \$31,830 for a playground communication board and to cover field trips for all students for the year.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to a donation from the Brown School PTO to Brown Elementary School in the amount of \$31,830 for a playground communication board and to cover field trips for all students for the year.

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

NAYS:
ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Connelly to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIII. Future Agenda Items

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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