

Board of Education Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 6:00 PM

Town Campus Hammonasset Room/Zoom
10 Campus Drive
Madison, CT 06443

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

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I. Call to Order / Attendance

The Board of Education Budget Workshop meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Christine Maisano (on Zoom – Arrived at 6:24), 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 Witcher, Daniel Hand High School Assistant Principal; Kathryn Hart (on Zoom), Polson Middle School Principal; Martha Curran, Polson Middle School Assistant Principal; Frank Henderson, Brown Intermediate School Principal; Becky Frost, Jeffrey Elementary School Principal; Chris Farrell, Athletic Director

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- 2025-2026 Recommended Budget Discussion: Dr. Cooke presented staffing additions related to the elementary related arts model for the Board's consideration. The presentation and budget discussion can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

IV. Board Members' Comments

Board members commented during the budget discussion

VI. Action Item: Discuss and take possible action on the Administration's 2025-2026 recommended budget.

MOTION TO TABLE.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Maisano to table the budget discussion and vote.

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

NAYS: Pynn

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 1 – 0

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Connelly to adjourn at
7:08 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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