

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 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 7:02 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, Cathy Miller, Emily Rosenthal, Jessica Wilen

Also present: Craig A Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Scott Cochran, Director of Madison Youth & Family Services (MYFS); Justin Zeigler, MYFS Assistant Director

### II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

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

*Grace Ackerman and Katherine Rizzo*

Grace shared that spring sports started over the weekend, sports captains recently attended a leadership workshop called captains council, NHS applications are open, World Language is still in the process of developing an honors society, and scholarships were due for seniors. Kate shared that T2 exams are over and T3 begun on March 20, SAT and NGSS testing for juniors is coming up, VIBE season finale show is March 25 and students are organizing a blood drive with the American Red Cross next week.

### IV. Superintendent's Report

*Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.*

- Madison Youth & Family Services Presentation – Scott Cochran and Justin Zeigler from MYFS presented the State of the Youth 2025 survey results to the Board. The presentation and discussion can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.
- 2026-2027 Budget update – Dr. Cooke shared that the second budget public hearing is March 31 and the budget referendum is April 28.

### V. Board Members' Comments

No comments.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VII. 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*

No report.

Finance Committee

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

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*

Dr. Infantine-Vyce reviewed the policies on the agenda for adoption.

Policy for Review, Second Reading:

- 6144.2 Reevaluation of Challenged Instructional Materials and Library Media Center Resources
- 5060.1.2 Nonresidents

LEARN Liaison

*Galen Cawley*

Mr. Cawley reported that the last meeting took place on March 12 and featured a presentation from the Clinton superintendent.

Board of Selectmen Liaison

*Scott Murphy*

No report – postponed.

VIII. Action Item: Motion to recommend exploring future uses of the former Jeffrey elementary facility, including moving Central Office to Jeffrey, but providing no endorsement at this time.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Cawley to recommend exploring future uses of the former Jeffrey elementary facility, including moving Central Office to Jeffrey, but providing no endorsement at this time.

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

NAYS:  
ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: 6144.2 Reevaluation of Challenged Instructional Materials and Library Media Center Resources, 5060.1.2 Nonresidents.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve policy 6144.2 Reevaluation of Challenged Instructional Materials and Library Media Center Resources and policy 5060.1.2 Nonresidents.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS: Deane, Infantine-Vyce

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 2 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Boynton Family to DHHS Baseball in the amount of \$2,600 for a baseball pitching machine.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve a donation from the Boynton Family to DHHS Baseball in the amount of \$2,600 for a baseball pitching machine.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Wilen, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Future Agenda Items

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Deane to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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