

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 4, 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 Secretary Emily Rosenthal. Mrs. Rosenthal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley (Zoom), Mary Ann Connelly, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Maureen Lewis (Zoom), Christine Maisano (Zoom), Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

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

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

Two Daniel Hand High School students, Nick Lyons and Margaret Lavin, spoke about a recent Clay Club fundraiser.

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

*Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman*

Brooke shared that trimester three is coming up, a motivational speaker recently visited the high school, there is a blood drive this month, and the DHHS gymnastics team recently won its fourth straight SCC title. Grace was not able to attend the meeting.

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

*Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.*

- Board Member Appreciation Month – It is Board Member Appreciation Month. Dr. Cooke thanked board members for all they do for the District.
- Renaming Brown Intermediate School as Brown Elementary School – Dr. Cooke shared that the Board will need to take a vote at its next meeting to change the name of Brown School from Brown Intermediate to Brown Elementary starting in the 2025-2026 school year.
- Upcoming Presentations: School Counseling, Communications, Safety & Security –Dr. Cooke shared that there will be presentations on Board-requested topics over the next three meetings.

### **V. Board Members' Comments**

No Board member comments.

### **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 February 27, 2025
- Budget Expenditures as of February 27, 2025
- February 2025 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

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

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Lewis, Maisano, 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 evening. The committee heard two presentations, one on the ELA Grade 9 Unit 3 overview and the other on Virtual Reality and its use in classrooms.

Facilities Committee

*Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Steven Pynn, Diane Infantine-Vyce*

No report.

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 reported that MAESS negotiations have begun.

Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce gave a report on the following policies up for rescission, a first read, or adoption.

Policies for Rescission, waive second reading:

- 6090.1 Home Visits by Social Workers
- 7200 Indoor Air Quality

Policies for Review, waive second reading:

- 4116.1 Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment (Personnel)



- 5120.5 Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment (Students)
- 5220 Improve Completion Rates of the FAFSA

Policies for Review, first reading:

- 6040 Weighted Grading & Calculation of Grade Point Averages - NEW  
Then rescind
  - 5128 Rank in Class
- 6080 IDEA – NEW  
Then rescind
  - 6080.1 Educating Students with Special Needs
  - 6090.10 Individualized Education Programs / Special Education Programs
- 6110.1.3.1 Parent Conferences
- 6114.1 Fire Drills/ Crisis Response Drills
- 6146 Graduation Requirements
- 7120 Hazardous Materials in Schools

LEARN Liaison

*Mary Ann Connelly*

No report.

X. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 6090.1 Home Visits by Social Workers, 7200 Indoor Air Quality

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 6090.1 Home Visits by Social Workers, 7200 Indoor Air Quality.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 4116.1 Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment, 5120.5 Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment (Students), 5220 Improve Completion Rates of the FAFSA

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Pynn to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 4116.1 Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment, 5120.5 Prohibition of Sex Discrimination, Including Sex-Based Harassment (Students), 5220 Improve Completion Rates of the FAFSA



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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to adopt ELA Grade 9, Unit 3 as amended.

MOTION: by Connelly, seconded by Pynn to adopt the  
ELA Grade 9, Unit 3 as amended.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to  
approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025 Board of  
Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XV. Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Connelly requested an update on Peer Advocates be added to a future agenda.

XVI. Adjournment



MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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