

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 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, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

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 the midpoint of the trimester was last week and exams will be the first week of December, parent-teacher conferences took place today, and advisory is taking place on Wednesdays. Kate reported that the PSAT took place last week, the German exchange program just ended and was a big success, Homecoming is this Saturday, and students are allowed to dress up for Halloween on Friday.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- 2026-2027 Calendar – Dr. Cooke reviewed the calendar and highlighted the start date and end date. The approved calendar is posted on the District website.
- 2026-2027 CIP – Dr. Cooke reviewed some changes proposed to the CIP since it was last approved by the Board in September.
- New Director of Administrative Services – the new director Aaron Fliss started on Monday and will spend the week working with the outgoing director Art Sickle to ensure a smooth transition.
- CABA awards – Dr. Cooke congratulated the board on winning two CABA Communications awards
- Outgoing Board member – Dr. Cooke thanked Steven Pynn for his work on the Board.

V. Board Members' Comments

Dr. Infantine-Vyce added some comments about the work that goes into the calendar, asked a few questions about the revised CIP, and asked questions about the proposed solar panels for Neck River.

Mrs. Connelly asked if there had been any input on putting the names of the holidays back on the calendar.

Mr. Klaskin thanked outgoing Admin Services Director Art Sickie for his years of service. All board members thanked Mr. Pynn for his service on the board the last four years.

Mr. Pynn shared how much he has enjoyed his time on the Board and thanked everyone for their support. Comments can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

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

Mr. Pynn reviewed the curriculum items on the agenda tonight for action.

Facilities Committee

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

No report.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Anthony Paolitto, 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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce said the committee met tonight and she reviewed the policies on that agenda.

LEARN Liaison

Anthony Paolitto

No report.

BOS Liaison

Scott Murphy

Board of Selectmen member Scott Murphy attended and gave an update on town projects and initiatives.

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve an international trip to Bermuda in April 2026.

MOTION: by Connelly, seconded by Pynn to approve an international trip to Bermuda in April 2026.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to adopt the following curriculum units: Social Studies, Grades 4 and 5; STEAM, Grades K-5; ELA Units 1 and 2, Grades K-3; Geometry

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to adopt the following curriculum units: Social Studies, Grades 4 and 5; STEAM, Grades K-5; ELA Units 1 and 2, Grades K-3; Geometry.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Budget calendar.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Lewis to approve the 2026-2027 Budget calendar.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Academic calendar.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the 2026-2027 Academic calendar.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the revised 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the revised 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Connelly to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0 – 1

XIV. Security Update (Discussion proposed for Executive Session).

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to enter into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss security and invite in Superintendent of Schools Dr. Craig Cooke.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to return to regular session at 8:25 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XV. Future Agenda Items

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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