

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 7:30 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 7:31 p.m. by Secretary Emily Rosenthal. Mrs. Rosenthal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Art Sickles, Director of Administrative Services; Anthony Salutari Jr., Daniel Hand High School Principal; Christopher Farrell, Director of Athletics

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman

Grace gave a report on the art show, band concert, VIBE cabaret, junior prom, a recent college exploration event, and upcoming NHS induction ceremony. Brooke gave a report on AP testing, the orchestra concert, chorus concert, senior events, and spring sports.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Athletics Presentation: Pay to Participate – AD Farrell gave an update on the pay-to-participate model for MPS athletics. The presentation can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.
- 2025-2026 Budget – Dr. Cooke shared that the budget passed and the Board will now need to vote to formalize the reduction to the health insurance line item as previously discussed.
- Chartwells Food Service Contract – Board members reviewed the annual contract extension.

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

No report.

Facilities Committee

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

No report.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Emily Rosenthal

Mr. Cawley gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the meeting. He said the committee reviewed the health insurance reduction and end-of-year balances.

Personnel Committee

Members: Maureen Lewis, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Lewis said the personnel committee has reached a tentative agreement with the MAESS union.

Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce gave a report on the following policies:

Policies for Review, Second Reading:

- 1361 Visitors and Observations in the Schools
- 5123 Restorative Practices Response Policy
- 6080.1.2 Title I Programs / Parental Involvement
- 6151 Class Size
- 6153 Field Trips
 - Rescind: 5100.8 Student Travel/6100.16.1 Student Travel

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Connelly shared that LEARN recently met and discussed next year's budget.

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the proposed Amendment Number One dated July 1, 2025, between the Madison Board of Education and Compass Group USA, Inc., by and through its Chartwells Division, as presented.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Pynn to approve the proposed Amendment Number One dated July 1, 2025, between the Madison Board of Education and Compass Group USA, Inc., by and through its Chartwells Division, as presented.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve reducing the 2025-2026 Health Insurance budget line item by \$375,607.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve reducing the 2025-2026 Health Insurance budget line item by \$375,607.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the proposed international trip to Portugal in April 2026.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the proposed international trip to Portugal in April 2026.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to rescind the following policies: 5100.8 Student Travel, 6100.16.1 Student Travel.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to approve the following policies: 5100.8 Student Travel, 6100.16.1 Student Travel.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: 1361 Visitors and Observations in the Schools, 5123 Restorative Practices Response Policy, 6080.1.2 Title I Programs / Parental Involvement, 6151 Class Size, 6153 Field Trips.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve the following policies: 1361 Visitors and Observations in the Schools, 5123 Restorative Practices

Response Policy, 6080.1.2 Title I Programs / Parental Involvement, 6151 Class Size, 6153 Field Trips.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIV. Future Agenda Items

XV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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