

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 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 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Art Sickie, Director of Administrative Services; Peter Anderson, Director of Facilities; Anthony Salutari Jr., Daniel Hand High School Principal; Kathryn Hart, Polson Middle School Principal; Frank Henderson, Brown Intermediate School Principal

II. School / Community Session

Public comment can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

Speakers: Tiffany Magee, 96 Sandlewood Drive

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman

Grace reported on AP exams, Junior and Senior Prom, the College & Career Fair, the upcoming VIBE performance, and teacher Appreciation week. Brooke reported on the recent Mental Health Awareness event, the spring musical, and the following upcoming events: the talent show, the art show, the band concert, and the multi-cultural event.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- 2025 CABA Student Leadership Award - The CABA Student Leadership Awards Program is designed to honor Connecticut high school and middle school students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. The four student recipients were honored at the Board meeting. More information can be found here: <https://www.madison.k12.ct.us/district/communication/recent-news/caba-2025-student-leadership-awards>
- Teacher Appreciation Week - Dr. Cooke thanked the 300 teachers in the district for the incredible work they do day in and day out to educate our students. MEA President Mike Ginsburg thanked the Board and Administration for their support.

- School Nurse Appreciation Day - Dr. Cooke thanked the school nurses on staff for their hard work and dedication to our students. Nursing Supervisor Stephanie Lesnik thanked the Board and Administration for their support.
- Bus Contract - Dr. Cooke said the District is very pleased with Durham School Services and is looking to extend its contract with them for bus services.
- NEASC Accreditation – Dr. Cooke shared that Daniel Hand High School officially received notice that it will continue to be accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He shared some of the highlights from the award letter with the Board.

V. Board Members' Comments

Board members thanked teachers and nurses.

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 April 28, 2025
- Budget Expenditures as of April 28, 2025
- April 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, Klaskin, Miller, Pynn

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 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 presentations on an international trip, ML services, and curriculum outreach efforts.

Facilities Committee

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

Mr. Klaskin shared that the committee visited Neck River Elementary School.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Emily Rosenthal

No report.

Personnel Committee

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

Mr. Klaskin said MAESS negotiations are ongoing.

Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce reported on the following:

Policies for Review, First 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

Policies for Review, Waive Second Reading:

- 5120.3.3 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools
- 5113 Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism
- 6100.10 Selection of Instructional Materials

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

X. Action Item: Motion to approve Addendum 8, to the existing Agreement for Student Transportation Services between the Madison Public Schools and Durham School Services, dated May 4, 2004.

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve Addendum 8, to the existing Agreement for Student Transportation Services between the Madison Public Schools and Durham School Services, dated May 4, 2004.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 5120.3.3 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools, 5113 Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism, 6100.10 Selection of Instructional Materials.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to waive the second reading and approve the following

polices: 5120.3.3 Administration of Student Medications in the Schools, 5113 Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism, 6100.10 Selection of Instructional Materials.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Safety & Security

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to enter into Executive Session to discuss Safety & Security at 8:25 p.m. and invite in Dr. Craig Cooke, Arthur Sickles, Peter Anderson, Frank Henderson, and Zoe Roos.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to Return to Regular Session.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Pynn to return to regular session at 9:35 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XV. Future Agenda Items

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

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