

Board of Education Special Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 5:00 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 special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Galen Cawley. Mr. Cawley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Frank Henderson, Brown Intermediate School Principal

### II. Superintendent's Report

*Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.*

- 2025-2026 Budget – the Board adopted the Administration’s recommended budget at the workshop meeting earlier in the evening. The budget is \$65,213,279 and represents a 2.46% increase in spending.
- PreK-5 Related Arts Model Presentation – Dr. Cooke presented the revised PreK-5 Related Arts model. The presentation can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

### III. Board Members' Comments

Board members offered comments in response to the PreK-5 Related Arts model. The presentation can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

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

The following members of the public spoke on the topic of the learning model for Grades 4 &5 in 2025-2026. The comments can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

Maureen Burke – 230 Copse Road  
Matt Azeveda – 81 Silo Hill  
John Huffman – 56 Cedarcroft Drive  
Natalie Hesselgrave – 35 Lenore Drive  
Dennis Volpe – 454 Bartlett drive  
Jessica Wilen – 53 Dairy Hill Road

V. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation to Polson Middle School in the amount of \$1,703.81 from Steady Photography for student activity use.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve a donation to Polson Middle School in the amount of \$1,703.81 from Steady Photography for student activity use.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

VI. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation to Brown Intermediate School in the amount of \$1,404.42 from Steady Photography for student activity use.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve a donation to Brown Intermediate School in the amount of \$1,404.42 from Steady Photography for student activity use.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

VII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation to Jeffrey Elementary School in the amount of \$4,500.00 from the Jeffrey PTO to offset the cost of school field trips.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to approve a donation to Jeffrey Elementary School in the amount of \$4,500.00 from the Jeffrey PTO to offset the cost of school field trips.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 Board of Education Special Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 Board of Education Budget Workshop (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025 Board of Education Budget Workshop.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XI. Future Agenda Items

Board members requested the following items: Safety & Security, Communication, Legislative Update, Extended School Day options, liaison updates.

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to adjourn at 5:54 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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