

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, November 3, 2025

BRS South Assembly Room

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Lynn Piascyk, Chair, called the meeting to order (7:03 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Dr. Jay Dahya; Sarah Beth Del Prete, Secretary; Dr. Laura Francese; Dr. Michael Strambler and Erin Williamson.

STAFF: Christopher Montini, Superintendent; Analisa Sherman, Principal; Cheryl Tafel, Assistant Principal; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

GUESTS: Matthew Madruga and family members.

Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session in accordance with State statute for discussion concerning personnel matters related to the appointment of the Beecher Road School Assistant Principal.

MOTION #1 – EXECUTIVE SESSION (7:04 PM)

Move that the Board move to enter Executive Session, consistent with Connecticut General Statutes 1-200, for discussion concerning personnel matters related to the appointment of the Beecher Road School Assistant Principal, and invite the Superintendent and the candidate to the Executive Session.

Dr. Dahya

Second by Ms. Del Prete

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Dr. Jay Dahya; Sarah Beth Del Prete, Secretary; Dr. Laura Francese; Steven Lawrence, Vice Chair (7:08 PM); Dr. Michael Strambler and Erin Williamson.

STAFF: Christopher Montini, Superintendent.

The Board reviewed the qualifications of the Assistant Principal.

Chair Piascyk called the Public Session back to order (7:13 PM).

Assistant Principal Recommendation – Superintendent Montini presented the recommendation for Assistant Principal. Mr. Madruga brings over 13 years of experience in education, including more than 5 years as a school administrator and 8 years as a school counselor. He joins Beecher Road School from the Bristol Public Schools, where he most recently served as Interim Principal at Hubbell Elementary School and previously as Assistant Principal at West Bristol School. Throughout his career, Mr. Madruga has demonstrated a deep commitment to fostering academic excellence, social-emotional learning, and a positive school climate. He has led instructional improvement teams, coordinated assessment and accountability systems, and chaired 504 committees to ensure all students receive the support they need to thrive. His background as a counselor and educational leader uniquely equips him to advance Beecher Road School's mission of nurturing the whole child.

Mr. Madruga holds a Sixth-Year Degree in Educational Leadership and an Intermediate Administrator Certification from Sacred Heart University, as well as a Master's Degree in School Counseling from Assumption College and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Connecticut. Mr. Madruga's experience, leadership, and genuine commitment to students' academic and emotional growth make him an outstanding addition to the Beecher Road School community. We are thrilled to welcome him to Woodbridge.

MOTION #2 – APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (MADRUGA)

Move that the Board appoint Matthew Madruga as the Assistant Principal of Beecher Road School effective the 2025/26 school year with a mutually agreed upon start date to be determined.

Mr. Lawrence

Second by Ms. Del Prete

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Mr. Madruga thanked the Board for the opportunity and is honored to be a part of such a vibrant and supportive community. He looks forward to working alongside the dedicated staff and families to uphold the high standards of excellence that Woodbridge is known for and is committed to ensure that all students, families, and staff feel valued, supported, and connected.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (7:18 PM)

Dr. Dahya

Second by Dr. Strambler

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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.