

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 3, 2025 7:30 PM

Daniel Hand High School LMC/ ZOOM
286 Green Hill Road
Madison, Connecticut 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, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis (on Zoom), Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Dr. Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Heather Dobson, Director of Human Resources; Kathryn Hart, Polson Middle School Principal; Kelly Spooner, Ryerson Elementary School Principal

II. School / Community Session

One member of the public - Cheryl Chiat, 90 Sandalwood Drive – spoke about the high school start time. Comments can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman

Grace reported on the Junior Awards, trimester three exams, class officers, upcoming events like Summerpalooza, and spring sports. Brooke reported on past and upcoming Senior activities including senior prom, cap and gown distribution, the elementary walk through, Senior Awards night, Senior Brunch, Graduation, and Nite-Out-of-Hand.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Elementary Closings – Dr. Cooke congratulated Principal Spooner and Principal Frost on two excellent closing-of-school ceremonies for Jeffrey and Ryerson.
- Board of Education Student Representative Recognition / Introduction of new Student Representative – Dr. Cooke thanked Brooke for her time on the Board and wished her all the best in her future endeavors. Mr. Klaskin then introduced the new Board of Education Student rep, Katherine Rizzo.
- Staff Recognition – Dr. Cooke introduced Larry Brundrett, Commander of the VFW Post #2096-Madison, who presented Polson Principal Kathryn Hart with the Post's Americanism Award.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin complemented Principal Spooner on the Ryerson Final Bell closing ceremony.

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 May 29, 2025
- Budget Expenditures as of May 29, 2025
- May 2025 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Cawley to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 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 on June 2. The meeting included a presentation on the curriculum units up for adoption.

Facilities Committee

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

No report.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Emily Rosenthal

No report.

Personnel Committee

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

Mrs. Lewis shared they are now in negotiations with the nurses' union.

Policy Committee

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

No report.

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

X. Discuss and take possible action on the Madison Association of Educational Supportive Services (MAESS) collective bargaining agreement (07/01/25 - 06/30/28) (Discussion proposed for executive session).

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Rosenthal to approve the Madison Association of Educational Supportive Services (MAESS) collective bargaining agreement (07/01/25 - 06/30/28).

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation to Polson Middle School from the Polson PTO in the amount of \$2,000 to help fund the Grade 8 Holiday Hill field trip.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Rosenthal to approve a donation to Polson Middle School from the Polson PTO in the amount of \$2,000 to help fund the Grade 8 Holiday Hill field trip.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Pynn to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025 Board of Education meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0

XIII. Future Agenda Items

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Cawley to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0

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