

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 7:00 PM

Town Campus Hammonasset Room/Zoom, 10 Campus Drive , Madison, CT 06443

I. Call to Order / Attendance

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. School / Community Session

II.A. Public Participation

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Speaker (s): Grace Ackerman and Katherine Rizzo

IV. Superintendent's Report

Speaker (s): Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

IV.A. Cell Phone Survey Presentation

V. Board Members' Comments

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

VII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

VII.A. Budget Expenditures as of January 30, 2026

VII.B. January Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

IX. Board Committees / Liaison Updates (Ref. Bylaw #9450)

IX.A. Curriculum and Student Development

Speaker (s): Members: Catherine Miller, Chair; Mary Ann Connelly, Jessica Wilen

IX.B. Facilities Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair; Diane Infantine-Vyce, Lisa Deane

IX.C. Finance Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Emily Rosenthal, Jessica Wilen

IX.D. Personnel Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Maureen Lewis, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

IX.E. Policy Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Diane Infantine-Vyce, Chair; Maureen Lewis, Galen Cawley

IX.F. LEARN Liaison

Speaker (s): Galen

- X. Action item: Motion to approve a donation from the Neck River PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$3,850 to fund Scholastic, World Book, and PebbleGo subscriptions.
- XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)
- XII. Future Agenda Items
- XIII. Adjournment
- XIV. The Town of Madison does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and the meeting facilities are ADA accessible. Individuals who need assistance are invited to make their needs known by contacting the Town ADA/Human Resources Director, Debra Ferrante, at 203-245-6310 or by email at ferranted@madisonct.org at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting.

2025-2026 MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE REPORT THROUGH 1.31.26

OBJECT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRNFRS/ADJSMT	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
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51108	51108 AP TESTING	15,000		15,000			15,000	0.00
51109	51109 11TH COURSE STIPENDS		4,000	4,000			4,000	0.00
51110	51110 TEACHERS	25,777,296	(236,247)	25,541,048	12,379,853	12,864,497	296,699	98.80
51111	51111 ADMINISTRATORS	2,605,975	6,511	2,612,485	1,622,038	984,807	5,641	99.80
51112	51112 EPED	314,893	9,400	324,293	162,147	162,147		100.00
51113	51113 CO CURRICULAR	635,070	42,005	677,075	261,887	237,802	177,386	73.80
51114	51114 EARLY RETIREMENT	23,577	5,707	29,284			29,284	0.00
51116	51116 DIRECTORS / MANAGERS	419,463	15,937	435,400	272,847	162,553		100.00
51120	51120 OFFICE STAFF	1,510,721	70,386	1,581,107	885,127	619,255	76,725	95.10
51121	51121 INSTRUCTIONAL PARAPROFES	1,918,489	19,631	1,938,120	850,828	841,729	245,563	87.30
51122	51122 CUSTODIANS	1,934,582		1,934,582	947,899	971,881	14,801	99.20
51123	51123 MEDIA / TECH PARAPROFESS	300,317	29,278	329,595	176,198	152,973	424	99.90
51124	51124 SECURITY / SUSPENSION	654,450		654,450	432,807	220,826	817	99.90
51126	51126 SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES	402,637	(2,772)	399,865	204,822	193,846	1,197	99.70
51128	51128 ATHLETIC TRAINER	60,392		60,392	34,510	25,882		100.00
51129	51129 ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE	14,500		14,500			14,500	0.00
51130	51130 THERAPISTS / OCCUP & PHY	478,279	8,850	487,129	233,822	253,307		100.00
51210	51210 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS	666,920	(46,415)	620,505	369,295	177,901	73,309	88.20
51212	51212 SUBS / SCHOOL HEALTH SER	17,000		17,000	7,692		9,308	45.20
51221	51221 CLASSIFIED SUBS	15,000		15,000	12,488		2,512	83.30
51320	51320 OVERTIME	70,638	1,111	71,749	87,957		(16,208)	122.60
51321	51321 CUSTODIAL/CASUAL LABOR	42,806		42,806	9,884		32,922	23.10
52130	52130 LIFE INSURANCE	49,200		49,200	27,144	20,912	1,144	97.70
52200	52200 SOCIAL SECURITY	643,899		643,899	560,455		83,444	87.00
52201	52201 MEDICARE	563,912		563,912			563,912	0.00
52202	52202 FSA ADMINISTRATION	1,750		1,750	442	450	857	51.00
52300	52300 PENSION-DEF BENEFIT	1,115,153		1,115,153	865,503	29,000	220,650	80.20
52301	52301 PENSION-DEF CONTRIBUTION	94,000	21,826	115,826	52,867		62,959	45.60
52500	52500 UNEMPLOYMENT	25,000	40,000	65,000	52,700	7,540	4,760	92.70
52600	52600 WORKER'S COMP	236,163	(40,000)	196,163	135,737		60,426	69.20
52700	52700 DISABILITY INSURANCE	65,500		65,500	35,031	25,783	4,687	92.80
53000	53000 FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	75,000		75,000	75,000			100.00
53101	53101 LABOR & LEGAL SVCES	120,000	(5,000)	115,000	48,496		66,504	42.20
53222	53222 EVALUATION SERVICES	142,125	(33,185)	108,940	44,777	61,445	2,718	97.50
53224	53224 STAFF DEVELOPMENT	254,566	20,903	275,469	105,172	32,814	137,483	50.10
53225	53225 NEASC ACCREDITATION SERV	5,110		5,110	4,515		595	88.40
53230	53230 STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	54,000	28,800	82,800	19,892	19,880	43,028	48.00
53231	53231 ADULT EDUCATION	46,000	(4,000)	42,000	42,000			100.00
53300	53300 PROF / TECH SVCES	1,503,619	(34,447)	1,469,172	944,328	355,730	169,114	88.50
53305	53305 PROF TECH MEDICAL	35,603	(1,000)	34,603	32,006		2,598	92.50

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54210	54210 DISPOSAL / RECYCLING	113,200		113,200	54,018	37,210	21,972	80.60
54220	54220 STORM EVENTS	64,946		64,946	112,850		(47,904)	173.80
54300	54300 REPAIRS & MAINT	548,168	(32)	548,136	454,080	106,578	(12,521)	102.30
54307	54307 TECH / INFRASTRUCTURE	42,000		42,000	38,505	3,495		100.00
54308	54308 PLANNED AND CYCLED MAINT	489,500		489,500	489,500			100.00
54309	54309 EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	50,000		50,000			50,000	0.00
54310	54310 KITCHEN MAINTENANCE	13,401		13,401	2,594		10,807	19.40
54313	54313 TREATMENT PLANT REPAIRS	29,000		29,000	4,819		24,181	16.60
54320	54320 REPAIR / CONTRACTS	36,500		36,500	(30)		36,530	-0.10
54330	54330 ALARM SERVICES	12,372		12,372	4,805		7,567	38.80
54340	54340 TELEPHONE MAINTENANCE	14,024		14,024	3,586		10,438	25.60
54420	54420 RENTAL AGREEMENTS	20,086	1,000	21,086	17,455	2,805	826	96.10
54600	54600 TREE SERVICES	8,828		8,828	1,400		7,428	15.90
54900	54900 PURCHASE SVCES	155		155			155	0.00
55110	55110 STUDENT ACTIV TRANS	20,508		20,508	4,964	477	15,067	26.50
55111	55111 REGULAR TRANSPORTATION	2,181,000		2,181,000	901,827	206,563	1,072,610	50.80
55113	55113 FUEL / TRANSPORTATION	315,000		315,000	81,883	8,425	224,692	28.70
55114	55114 SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSPORT	75,500		75,500	30,755	6,765	37,979	49.70
55120	55120 SPED TRANSPORTATION	1,418,439		1,418,439	852,052	319,863	246,524	82.60
55201	55201 GENERAL INSURANCE	350,698		350,698	304,982		45,716	87.00
55203	55203 STUDENT INSURANCE	22,594		22,594	22,594			100.00
55301	55301 TELECOMMUNICATIONS	160,629	(280)	160,349	70,657	67,828	21,864	86.40
55302	55302 POSTAGE	20,159	(1,180)	18,980	7,853	3,607	7,519	60.40
55303	55303 REPORTS/PUBLIC RELATIONS	4,651	9,000	13,651	3,462	3,395	6,795	50.20
55500	55500 PRINTING & BINDING	40,560		40,560	25,100	2,701	12,759	68.50
55501	55501 PRINTING / INSTRU SUPPLI	37,334	(546)	36,788	21,942	6,002	8,844	76.00
55608	55608 TUITION / TYPICALS	(70,000)		(70,000)	(67,132)		(2,868)	95.90
55610	55610 EXT PLACEMENTS / PUBLIC	589,232		589,232	538,796	213,523	(163,087)	127.70
55630	55630 EXT PLACEMENTS / PRIVATE	1,885,542		1,885,542	1,390,598	1,107,673	(612,729)	132.50
55640	55640 SCHOOL CHOICE TUITION	76,000		76,000			76,000	0.00
55641	55641 EXTENDED YEAR SERVICES /	130,529	(2,528)	128,001	118,462	370	9,169	92.80
55643	55643 EXT PLACEMENT/ GENERAL E	10,000		10,000			10,000	0.00
55801	55801 TRAVEL (STAFF)	24,630		24,630	9,708	4,933	9,989	59.40
55802	55802 TRAVEL (BOE)	320		320			320	0.00
55900	55900 MISC PURCH SERVICES	10,850		10,850	4,720	5,400	730	93.30
56101	56101 OFFICE SUPPLIES	39,372	1,180	40,552	20,543	204	19,804	51.20
56110	56110 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	510,763	64,472	575,236	361,177	48,615	165,443	71.20
56111	56111 FAB LAB INSTRUCTIONAL SU	20,000		20,000	2,859	892	16,249	18.80
56112	56112 STEAM	13,000		13,000	1,663		11,337	12.80
56120	56120 INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE	54,380	13,860	68,240	64,311	240	3,689	94.60
56130	56130 CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	127,132	(1,196)	125,936	93,859	2,126	29,950	76.20

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56131	56131 MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	78,000		78,000	58,032	7,881	12,087	84.50
56140	56140 FIELDS MAINTENANCE	112,900		112,900	73,584	6,000	33,316	70.50
56206	56206 GAS SERVICES	235,068		235,068	103,842	10,662	120,564	48.70
56210	56210 WATER	49,875		49,875	24,140		25,735	48.40
56220	56220 ELECTRICITY	1,028,480		1,028,480	420,065	7,850	600,565	41.60
56260	56260 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	21,672		21,672	2,142	433	19,096	11.90
56410	56410 TEXTBOOKS & REPLACEMENT	43,122	(854)	42,268	18,049	8,313	15,906	62.40
56411	56411 TEXTBOOKS / NEW	36,500	(6,800)	29,700			29,700	0.00
56420	56420 AWARDS	3,800	(2,854)	946		946		100.00
56421	56421 MEDIA SUPPLIES	26,971		26,971	13,020	3,856	10,095	62.60
56422	56422 PERIODICALS	24,663		24,663	21,596	44	3,022	87.70
56423	56423 PRINT COLLECTION	154,000		154,000	13,727		140,273	8.90
56550	56550 STAFF UNIFORMS	5,258	1,196	6,454	6,454			100.00
56551	56551 UNIFORMS / STUDENT GROUP	29,000		29,000	17,258	11,742		100.00
56900	56900 SUPPLIES	42,983	1,759	44,743	18,768	1,930	24,045	46.30
56902	56902 PROGRAM SUPPLIES	25,000	(3,403)	21,597	(6,436)	3,152	24,881	-15.20
57301	57301 EQUIPMENT	192,928	(1,255)	191,673	109,334	29,521	52,818	72.40
57302	57302 OS SOFTWARE	359,840		359,840	265,489	49,932	44,420	87.70
57303	57303 EQUIP - LEASE/PURCHASE	39,120		39,120	32,710		6,410	83.60
57304	57304 COMPUTER HARDWARE	542,700		542,700	439,330	96,957	6,414	98.80
57400	57400 PUBLIC SAFETY	6,623	10	6,633	6,598		35	99.50
58100	58100 DUES, FEES & MEMBSHPS	99,878	7,171	107,049	84,867	11,859	10,323	90.40
Grand Total		55,577,986		55,577,986	29,771,948	20,833,728	4,972,310	91.10

January 2026 Personnel Report

Madison Board of Education			
BOE Meeting Date:		Reporting Period:	1/1-1/31/26
New Hires / Reappointments			
First Name	Last Name	Position	Location
David	Moser	Physics Teacher	DHHS
Max	Condon	Special Assignment Para	Neck River
Reassignments / Transfers			
First Name	Last Name	Position	Location
Retirements / Resignations / Separations			
First Name	Last Name	Position	Location
Josh	Stanavage	Web Specialist	Central Office
Alina	Britchi	Physics Teacher	DHHS
Dylan	Doane-Lianos	SPED Instr. Para	Polson
Shannon	Byrne	Special Assignment Para	Neck River



Donation (Cash / Property) to the Madison Public Schools

Completion of this form is required prior to the district's consideration of a proposed donation to the Madison Public Schools. This form is to be completed in its entirety and submitted to the building principal / assistant principal, Athletic Director, or Superintendent prior to receipt of any donated goods, services, or funds. The school principal may approve gifts to a school that are valued at \$500 to \$,1000 and meet criteria established by the administrative regulations established in accordance with this policy. Donations valued in excess of \$1,000 must be approved by the Board of Education. (Reference Policy #3281)

Date Form Completed: 1.27.26
Organization / Individual Making Donation: Neck River PTO
Address: c/o Neck River Elementary School, 180 Mungertown Road, Madison CT 06443
Phone #: 203-245-6460

Description of Donation / Gift and intended use: total dollar amount to be used to fund Scholastic, World Book and PebbleGo subscriptions
Experiences

Approximate Value: \$3,850.00 To be deposited in Neck River Donation Account
DO181NG-59003

Recipient(s) name: Neck River Elementary School

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JAN 29 2026

Acknowledgements: (optional)

In honor/memory of: _____

Acknowledgement Contact: Neck River PTO

Acknowledgement Address: 180 Mungertown Road, Madison, CT 06443

SUPERINTENDENT

This request cannot be acted up on before the building Principal / Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, or Superintendent has been consulted concerning this gift. Please provide the name/signature of the person who was consulted.

Signature of Person Consulted: Rebecca Gust

Are there conditions of use attached to the gift/donation: **Yes** No

If yes, please explain conditions: total dollar amount to be used to fund Scholastic, World Book and PebbleGo Subscriptions

Are there installation, site preparation, labor, or equipment costs needed for installation, etc.? **Yes** No

If yes, who is responsible for the costs? n/a

What is the annual maintenance cost of the donation, if any? **Yes** No

Are there any other additional costs to the District? **Yes** No

(Signature of Donor)

- For Central Office Use Only

Accepted by Superintendent: [Signature]
Signature Date

Accepted by Board of Education on: _____
Date

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order / Attendance

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Also present: Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Stacy Nobitz, Director of Finance

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Grace Ackerman and Katherine Rizzo

Grace reported that there will be a career fair for students on Feb. 3, students in grades 9-11 will take a cell phone survey on Feb. 4, the VIBE cabaret was a big success, a world language honor society is being created at the high school. Grace also shared that she is now a Coke Scholars regional finalist and will learn if she is a finalist in the coming weeks. Katherine shared that counselors are meeting with all students in grades 9-11 now to finalize course selection for next year, counselors also visited Polson middle School to speak with 8th graders about high school course selection, and the January freshman orientation event was well attended.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- CIP – Dr. Cooke shared that the CIP was approved by committee and now moves forward as part of the town budget.
- Health Insurance Update – Despite hoping for better news, Dr. Cooke shared that health insurance projections have not improved and the budget will move forward with the current health insurance numbers.
- Polson Construction Update – Polson renovations will begin in late spring. Construction equipment has begun arriving at the school and there will be a presentation on the Polson project at the Board Facilities committee on March 24.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin shared that Dr. Wilen will be the CABA liaison.

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: Catherine Miller, Chair; Mary Ann Connelly, Jessica Wilen

No report.

Facilities Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair; Diane Infantine-Vyce, Lisa Deane

No report.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Emily Rosenthal, Jessica Wilen

No report.

Personnel Committee

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

No report.

Policy Committee

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

No report.

LEARN Liaison

Galen Cawley

No report.

VIII. Action Item: Discuss and take action on the 2026-2027 Recommended Budget.

The discussion can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Deane to amend the proposed budget, reducing the AP Test Prep line item by \$5,000.

AYES: Deane, Infantine-Vyce

NAYS: Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen

ABSTAIN: Cawley

MOTION FAILED: 2 – 6 – 1

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to approve the 2026-2027 recommended budget of \$67,589,794, representing a 4.24% increase in spending.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller,
Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Deane, Infantine-Vyce

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0 – 2

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve an international trip to Germany in Summer 2026.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Connelly to approve an international trip to Germany in Summer 2026.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the following curriculum units: Conceptual Astronomy Units 1 & 2.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to approve the following curriculum units: Conceptual Astronomy Units 1 & 2

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 Board of Education Budget Workshop (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Connelly to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 Board of Education Budget Workshop.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Deane, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Lewis

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0 – 1

XIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion of Board Mission.

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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