Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 7:00 PM
Meeting Room A, Town Campus, 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):** Katherine Rizzo and Ethan Scheps
IV.	**Superintendent's Report**	**Speaker(s):** Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.
IV.A.	• Presentation: Summer 2026 Project Recap • 27-28 Calendars: Budget and School Year • Nonlapsing Education Reserve Funds	
V.	**Board Members' Comments**	
VI.	**Audience Response to Information Presented (Ref. Bylaw #9540.10)**	
VII.	**Board Committees / Liaison Updates (Ref. Bylaw #9450)**	
VII.A.	Curriculum and Student Development	**Speaker(s):** Members: Catherine Miller, Chair; Mary Ann Connelly, Jessica Wilen
VII.B.	Facilities Committee	**Speaker(s):** Members: Lisa Deane, Chair; Diane Infantine-Vyce, Kevin Fogarty
VII.C.	Finance Committee	**Speaker(s):** Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Kevin Fogarty, Jessica Wilen
VII.D.	Personnel Committee	**Speaker(s):** Members: Maureen Lewis, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly
VII.E.	Policy Committee	**Speaker(s):** Members: Diane Infantine-Vyce, Chair; Maureen Lewis, Galen Cawley
VII.F.	LEARN Liaison	**Speaker(s):** Galen Cawley
VIII.	**Action Item: Motion to approve the 2027-2028 Budget Calendar.**	
IX.	**Action Item: Motion to approve the 2027-2028 School Year Calendar.**	
X.	**Action Item: Motion to approve the use of $139,960 in end of year funds from fiscal year**	

2025-2026 from the Nonlapsing Education Reserve to support two necessary projects at Brown Elementary School.

XI. Action Item: Motion to return $300,000 in end-of-year funds from fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Town of Madison and request that the funds be placed in the Health Insurance Reserve.

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

XIII. Action Item: Discuss and take possible action on the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Association of Madison Administrators(7/01/27 - 6/30/30). (Discussion proposed for Executive Session).

XIV. Future Agenda Items

XV. Adjournment

XVI. 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.

Facilities Department

Summer 2026 Project Recap

October 27, 2026









Summer 2026 Goals

Manage construction phase of time-sensitive major projects

Execute several smaller projects as planned in CIP / P&CM

Construction of emergent projects

Plan for upcoming major projects



MANAGE CONSTRUCTION PHASE

of Time -Sensitive Major Projects

YEAR 1 PROJECTS



HVAC

Cool all instructional spaces by:

- Installing new cooling systems in currently uncooled spaces
- Replacing existing 30+ year old heating/cooling/ventilation systems



Auditorium

In addition to adding cooling to the space, the auditorium renovations include:

- Replacing all seating and flooring
- New lighting and sound system in the auditorium
- Stage renovations



Electrical System

Electrical improvements include:

- Updating the building's main electrical system
- Installation of whole-building generator
- Select ceiling and lighting renovations in common areas



Main Gym

In addition to adding cooling to the space, the main gym renovations include:

- Floor restoration
- New bleachers
- New lighting, paint, and finishes



Polson “Year 1” Projects

Main Electrical Service and Generator

Converts a former café storage room into a new main electrical gear room, with a new 3000A main utility service backfeedingthe existing building main service and feeding new panels for the additional HVAC equipment. Installs a new 1.5MW diesel-fueled generator capable of meeting the power needs of the entire building, with fully automatic switchover.

- Switchgear and generator ordered in June 2025 as part of an advance procurement bid package.
- Main service gear installed in May/June. Generator delayed from June to October
- Eversource livened new service 8/12/26
- Generator install scheduled for 11/3/26

Year 1 Projects

Main Electrical Service and Generator

Before….

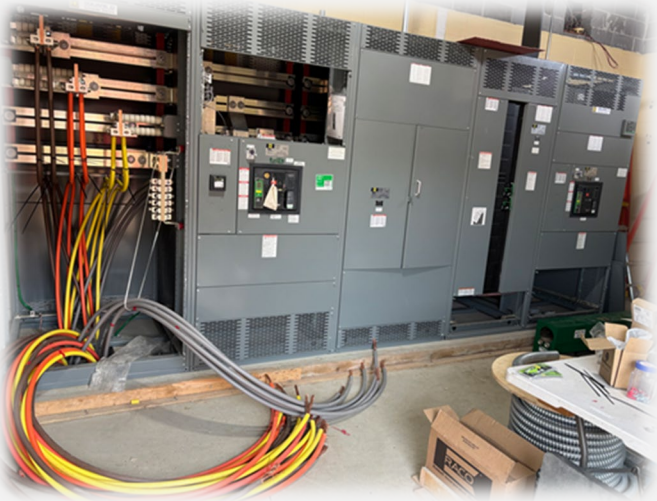




Year 1 Projects

Main Electrical Service and Generator

Progress…









Year 1 Projects

Main Electrical Service and Generator

Progress…







Year 1 Projects

Main Electrical Service and Generator

Rooftop Comparison- March 26, 2026



Year 1 Projects

Main Electrical Service and Generator

Rooftop Comparison – August 26, 2026



Year 1 Projects

Main Electrical Service and Generator

Nearing Completion…





Polson “Year 1” Projects

HVAC- Penthouses

Replaces the existing (43) end-of-life 1992 heating/cooling units located within (9) rooftop penthouse enclosures serving the 1970s vintage portion of the building

- Penthouses were custom manufactured in the 1990s to house split-style gas furnace heating and Dx cooling units with air cooled condensers, each serving 1-2 classrooms.
- OEM manufacturer (Lennox) contracted to provide direct replacements to ensure proper fit.
- Work began June 22 and all new systems operational by August 24 Staff start!

Year 1 Projects

HVAC- Penthouses

Before...







Year 1 Projects

HVAC- Penthouses

Progress….

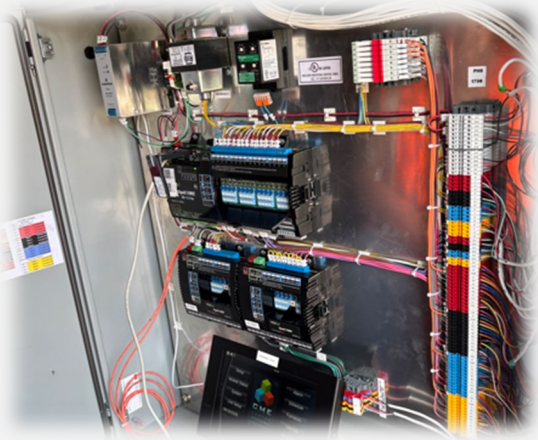


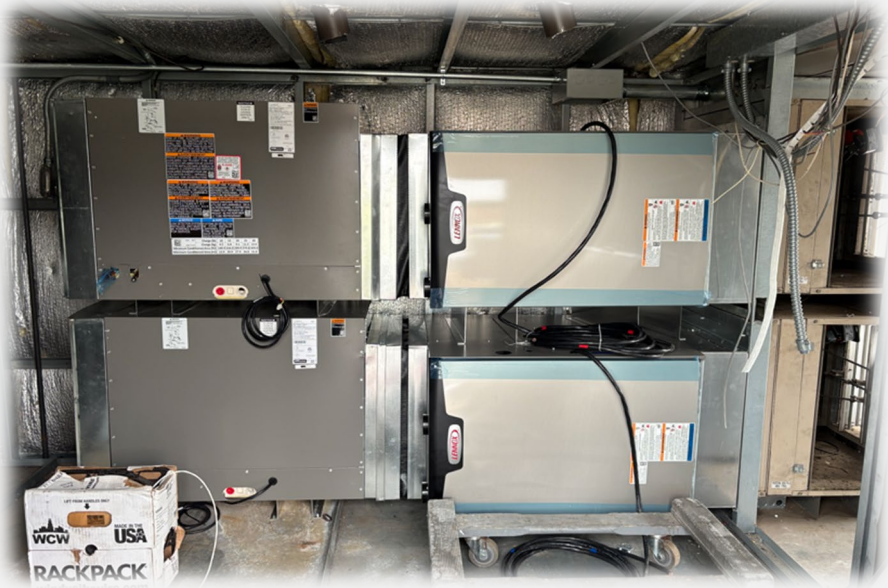


Year 1 Projects

HVAC- Penthouses

Progress….









Year 1 Projects

HVAC- Penthouses

Complete…









Polson "Year 1" Projects

HVAC – Variable Refrigerant Flow Split Units

Brand-new system provides energy-efficient cooling to 24 classrooms and other instructional spaces that did not have any cooling. 12 outdoor condensers feed 69 indoor units (mostly ceiling "cassettes").

- Electrical piping began in March
- Refrigerant piping and indoor unit hanging conducted during second shift to avoid disruption and maintain schedule
- Rooftop equipment (condensers) and all interior refrigerant linesets installed over summer break
- All systems online by 9/21/26, ahead of schedule

Year 1 Projects

HVAC – Variable Refrigerant Flow Split Units

Before…



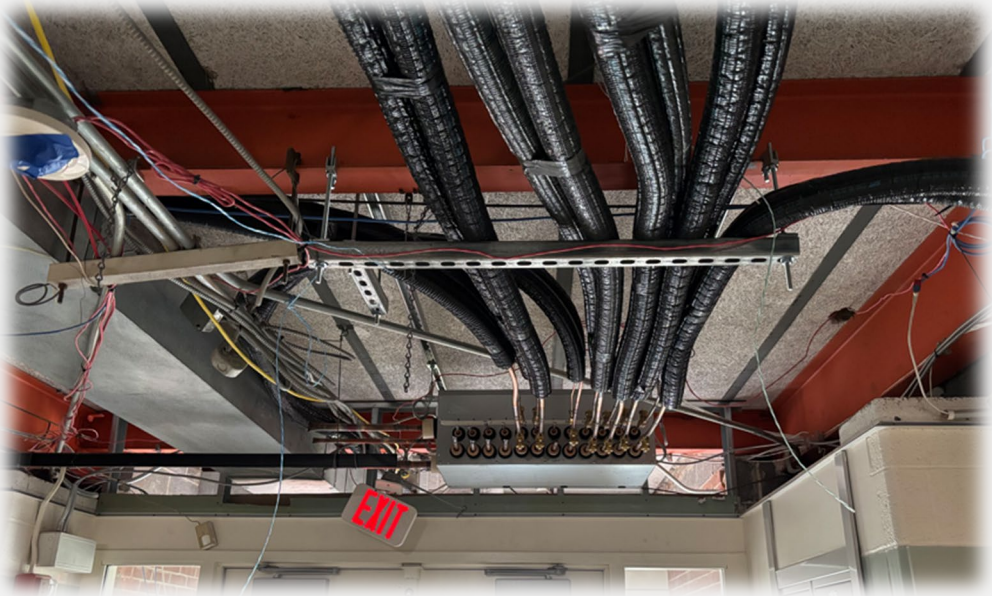


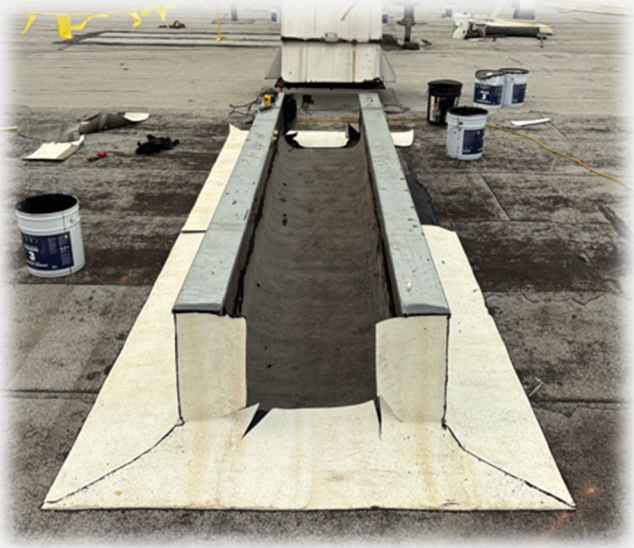
Year 1 Projects

HVAC – Variable Refrigerant Flow Split Units

Progress…







Year 1 Projects

HVAC – Variable Refrigerant Flow Split Units

Complete…





Year 1 Projects

HVAC – Variable Refrigerant Flow Split Units

Complete…





Polson "Year 1" Projects

Auditorium Renovations

Full-scale renovation including abatement, new ceiling, house lighting, theatrical lighting and sound, seating, flooring, curtains, stage refinishing, and cosmetics. All new HVAC via a rooftop mounted unit with the addition of cooling.

- Auditorium closed after last day of school for abatement (floor and ceiling), completed mid-July, allowing rest of tasks to commence
- Work continues first shift while school occupied, area segregated from building.
- Air handler install scheduled for November
- Full completion by 12/31/26

Year 1 Projects

Auditorium Renovations

Before…



Year 1 Projects

Auditorium Renovations

Before…









Year 1 Projects

Auditorium Renovations

Progress….





Year 1 Projects

Auditorium Renovations

Progress…. After Abatement and Demo







Year 1 Projects

Auditorium Renovations

Progress….







Year 1 Projects

Auditorium Renovations

Progress…. Stage Area 10/6/26



Polson “Year 1” Projects

Main Gym Renovations

Major renovation including new bleachers, lighting, floor refinishing (with new lines and branding), full ceiling/wall paint, and new HVAC via (2) new units on the adjacent rooftop with cooling capability.

- Gym taken offline May 11 and isolated from rest of building to facilitate first shift work
- HVAC, painting, floor restoration complete.
- Bleacher install scheduled for early November
- Gym will be back online by 11/23/26

Year 1 Projects

Main Gym Renovations

Before…



Year 1 Projects

Main Gym Renovations

Before...





Year 1 Projects

Main Gym Renovations

Progress…





Year 1 Projects

Main Gym Renovations

Progress…







Year 1 Projects

Main Gym Renovations

Progress…







Year 1 Projects

Main Gym Renovations

Progress…



DHHS Baseball Field Renovations

Reconfiguration and Conversion to Synthetic

Major realignment and expansion of baseball field including turf removal and regrading, drainage system, practice area development, synthetic turf system, fencing, backstop, dugouts, and other appurtenances to create a class-leading facility designed for extended season play. New turf field is 139,257 square feet.

- Permitted through the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency in 2025
- Procured through a public bid process, with contract awarded to DeRita and Sons Construction, Inc. for $2,820,000
- Mobilized on site 6/22/26, substantially completed 10/9/26. Bleachers due by end October, Backstops due early December
- Project is ~$250k under budget

DHHS Baseball Field Renovations

Reconfiguration and Conversion to Synthetic Turf

Before...





DHHS Baseball Field Renovations

Reconfiguration and Conversion to Synthetic Turf

Progress... 6/26



DHHS Baseball Field Renovations

Reconfiguration and Conversion to Synthetic Turf

Progress...







DHHS Baseball Field Renovations

Reconfiguration and Conversion to Synthetic Turf

Progress... 7/24



DHHS Baseball Field Renovations

Reconfiguration and Conversion to Synthetic Turf

Progress 8/26...







DHHS Baseball Field Renovations

Reconfiguration and Conversion to Synthetic Turf

Progress 9/8... Ready for Turf



DHHS Baseball Field Renovations

Reconfiguration and Conversion to Synthetic Turf

Progress 9/18... Turf installed, infill being added



DHHS Baseball Field Renovations

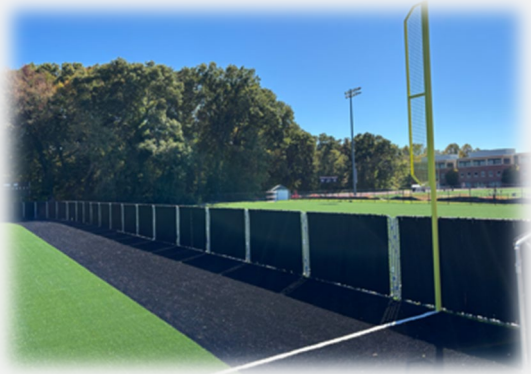
Reconfiguration and Conversion to Synthetic Turf

Nearing Final Completion...









EXECUTE SEVERAL SMALLER PROJECTs

As planned in CIP / P&CM

Polson Life Skills / Teacher Lounge

Abatement and Space Refresh

Abatement of ACT flooring, new VCT flooring. replacement of cabinetry/millwork, appliance replacement, minor electrical/ventilation.

- Originally designed for the 2024 restroom/exterior door CIP project, but removed due to budget concerns.
- Funded through $110k of the CIP project residuals and $68,417 of DRIP grant funding
- Executed through Gilbane's contract for the HVAC/Electrical project to use economy of contractors already mobilized- or the project would be delayed until Summer 2027.
- Substantially completed in time for staff start 8/24

Polson Life Skills / Teacher Lounge

Abatement and Space Refresh

Before...







Polson Life Skills / Teacher Lounge

Abatement and Space Refresh

Progress...







Polson Life Skills / Teacher Lounge

Abatement and Space Refresh

Complete...







Brown Basketball Court

Repave and conversion to multi - activity use

Removal of deteriorated asphalt surface, regrading to address water ponding, overhanging tree removal, new basketball goals (count reduced to 3), new asphalt paving and curbing, multi-sport lines.

- Attempted crack sealing in 2025, but heaving/deterioration continued rapidly.
- $153,141 total cost, $37,994 through DRIP grant, balance through P&CM and residual FF&E funds
- Executed through CRCOG EZIQC program
- Mobilized 6/22, completed 7/31. Extra fencing installed 8/26

Brown Basketball Court

Repave and conversion to multi - activity use

Before...





Brown Basketball Court

Repave and conversion to multi - activity use

Progress...





Brown Basketball Court

Repave and conversion to multi - activity use

Complete...



Brown Basketball Court

Repave and conversion to multi - activity use

Complete...



Brown PreK - K Playground

Development of former softball area

Design and install an additional play area to support the Pre-K consolidation to Brown, including age-appropriate play structures on a rubberized surface, swings, and fencing.

- Site selected to complement existing Grade 1-5 playscape while providing dedicated space for the youngest students.
- $191,397 total cost, funded between Brown FF&E CIP project residuals and P&CM fund.
- Executed through MHEC contract
- Mobilized 6/22, Completed 8/7

Brown PreK - K Playground

Development of former softball area

Before...



Brown PreK - K Playground

Development of former softball area

Progress...







Brown PreK - K Playground

Development of former softball area

Complete...



Polson Interior Door Refinishing

Phase 1- Classrooms and Corridors

Remove existing 1950s and 1960s vintage doors from classrooms and other spaces accessed from main corridors, install new wood veneer and trim, clean hardware, and reinstall.

- (94) doors- about half of the doors in the school- were refinished.
- Much more economical option than replacing with new doors with no fitment or timely completion risk
- Executed through in-house Specialty Carpentry RFP, funding by Door Hardware/Replacement multi-year CIP/CNRE project- $87,429 total cost
- Mobilized 6/22, Completed 8/24

Polson Interior Door Refinishing

Phase 1 Classrooms and Corridors

In the shop...





Polson Interior Door Refinishing

Phase 1 Classrooms and Corridors

Before...





After...



Polson Interior Door Refinishing

Phase 1 Classrooms and Corridors

Before...



After...



Polson Interior Door Refinishing

Phase 1 Classrooms and Corridors

Before...



After...



Polson Tech Lab Build Out

Phase 1- Prep for Use Cases

Begins the conversion of the former E-Storage area (originally a wood shop) into a Tech Lab. Phase 1 included demolishing old wood shop infrastructure, new electrical service, wall framing, ceiling grid and lighting installation to complement the new VRF HVAC units.

- Executed through in-house Specialty Carpentry RFP, funded through P&CM- $46,300 total cost. New electric feed to space in FY26 for $6,500
- Mobilized 8/31, completed 9/18. Ready for Phase 2 planning.
- Monitoring VRF system's ability to provide adequate heating this winter- may require a supplemental system

Polson Tech Lab Build Out

Phase 1 Prep for Use Cases

Before...



Polson Tech Lab Build Out

Phase 1 Prep for Use Cases

Progress...



Polson Tech Lab Build Out

Phase 1 Prep for Use Cases

Complete…



Miscellaneous (But Still Important!)

- DHHS Public Address System Replacement
- Polson Sewer Ejection Pit/Station Replacement
- TCLC Demolition Preparations
- Ryerson Abatement/Demolition Plans/Specs - ITB Published 10/16





Look *Ahead*

Bond Fund Budget Remaining

- Potentially ~$7M- Current project is still within original GMP
- Final determined in Feb 2027
- Deploy towards “Year 2 Projects”

Year 2 Projects

- Roof Replacement - $5.98M, $4.5M LS
- Abate/Replacement of all ACT Flooring - $1.4M, $1M LS
- Start State grant process Spring 2027, construct Summer 2028. Must guarantee full funding to apply for grant

Future Years

- Year 3- Ceilings/Lighting Common Areas ($543k) Window Replacement ($3.8M, $2.8M LS)
- Year 4- Classroom Refreshes ($650k), Interior Common Area Painting ($236k)
- Contingent upon residual funding

Integration info CIP

- Adding windows and Year 4 projects to CIP as backup, easily scaled
- Supplemented by new CIP projects: Restroom Refreshes ($100k/yr), Aux Gym Renovation ($2M), Hydronic Controls ($325k), and Team Room conversions ($2M)
- Submitting as part of FY28 CIP process for FY32 funding (except Restroom Refreshes)
- Process never “done” but Polson will be in a modernized state!

While we are *Talking Projects…*

Polson Library/Media Center

Furniture Replacement

$150k approved in FY27 CIP for new book stacks and library furniture to emulate the look/feel of the new furniture installed at Brown in Summer 2025. Paint and flooring will complete the space into a welcoming environment.

Polson Now…



Brown Before…



Polson Library Media Center

Furniture Replacement

Brown After…



Construction scheduled to take place from 6/217/26/2027

Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

TC Parking Lot Paving Phase 1

Before…



Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

TC Parking Lot Paving Phase 1

After…



Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

MHC #1 Addition and EOC

Before…





Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

MHC #1 Addition and EOC

Progress…





Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

MHC #1 Addition and EOC

Progress…









Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

MHC #1 Addition and EOC

Complete (Almost!)…





Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

MHC #1 Addition and EOC

Complete…









Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

Police Facility Storage Garage

Before…



Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

Police Facility Storage Garage

Progress…







On track for November 2026 Completion

Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

Police Facility Roof Replacement

Before…



Town of Madison Projects (Non - BOE)

Police Facility Roof Replacement

After…



Questions

Madison Public Schools

2027-2028 Budget Calendar

DRAFT

Date	Scheduled Meeting	Time	Location	Agenda
9/14/2026	Y	9:00 a.m.		COAT Budget Discussion Calendar / Budget Guidelines, if applicable
9/15/2026	Y	5:00 p.m.		Discuss Proposed Budget calendar / Budget Assumptions with **Finance Committee**
9/21/2026	Y	9:00 a.m.		COAT Budget Discussion Calendar / Budget Guidelines, if applicable
10/5/2026	Y	9:00 a.m.		COAT Budget Discussion Calendar / Budget Guidelines, if applicable
10/12/2026	Y	9:00 a.m.		COAT Budget Discussion Calendar / Budget Guidelines, if applicable
10/14/2026	Y	1:00 p.m.		Preliminary Budget Discussion: Calendar / Budget Guidelines, if applicable, with Admin. Council
10/27/2026	Y	5:00 p.m.		Approve Proposed Budget calendar/Budget Guidelines, if applicable, with **Finance Committee**, if needed
10/27/2026	Y	7:00 p.m.		Approve Budget Calendar/Discuss Budget Guidelines, if applicable, w/ **Board of Education**
11/13/2026				**FIRM DEADLINE** - Proposed Budgets due to Finance / entered on Accounting System
11/30/2026	Y	9:00 a.m.		COAT Discussion of Budget Entered into Accounting System
12/2/2026	Y	9am-12pm		Budget retreat - Administrative Council
12/8/2026	Y	6:00 p.m.		Budget discussion with **Finance Committee**
12/22/2026				Distribution of Proposed Administrations Budget to BOE
1/12/2027	Y	6:00 p.m.		BOE/Administration Budget Presentation - workshop #1
1/19/2027	Y	5:00 p.m.		BOE/Administration Budget workshop #2, Possible action by **BOE** on Admin. Recommended Budget
1/26/2027	Y	6:00 p.m.		**Action by BOE on Administration Recommended Budget, if necessary**
Town Budget 2027-2028 Dates: ***Pending BOS/BOF approval***				
TBD	Y	TBD	TBD	Board of Education presentation to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance
TBD	Y	TBD	TBD	Public Hearing / Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen and Board of Education Presentation
TBD	Y	TBD	TBD	2nd Public Hearing Review of Town Budget
TBD				Referendum

Madison Public Schools - DRAFT
2027-2028 Calendar

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Key Dates

Aug. 25 - 26,30	Professional Development
Aug 31	First Day of School
Sept. 6	Holiday / No School
Oct. 11	Holiday /No School
Nov. 2	No School / Staff Prof. Dev.
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Obs/ School in session
Nov. 24	Early Dismissal
Nov. 25-26	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 22	Early Dismissal
Dec. 23 - 31	Winter Recess/ No School
Jan. 17	Holiday/No School
28-Jan	No School / Staff Prof Dev.
Feb. 21-22	Feb. Break for Staff/Students
13-Mar	No School/Staff Prof. Dev.
Apr. 10-14	April Recess/No School
May 16	Early Dismissal/Staff Prof. Dev.
May 29	Holiday/No School
June 12	Early Dismissal/Last Day Students

October 28, 2026

Re: Use of Funds from the Nonlapsing Education Reserve

Dear First Selectwoman Lyons and Board of Finance Chairman Picard:

In accordance with our agreement on the use of Board of Education end of year funds, I am writing to inform you that the Board of Education approved the transfer of all 2025-2026 end of year funds from the Nonlapsing Educational Reserve to the following accounts and projects:

Heath Insurance Reserve Fund	$300,000
Planned & Cycled Maintenance	
Brown Cafe Flooring	$84,603
Brown Window Wall Abatement	$47,250
Contingency/Window Wall Replacement	$8,107
	$439,960

Specifically, the funds will be used to help replenish the Health Insurance Reserve and move up two necessary projects at Brown Elementary School. The Brown Cafe Flooring was previously in CIP so this action will assist in decreasing the Board's future CIP request. The Window Wall Replacement is a necessary project that requires abatement that can be completed at a savings if it is done at the same time as the flooring abatement. Any of the remaining funds will be used for contingency and/or the actual window wall replacement. This action was approved at the October 27, 2026 Board of Education meeting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Emily Rosenthal, Board of Education Chair
Stacy Nobitz, Director of Finance

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 7:00 PM

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

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order / Attendance

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Emily Rosenthal. Mrs. Rosenthal led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Lisa Deane, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, Emily Rosenthal, Jessica Wilen

Also present: Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Anthony Salutari Jr., Daniel Hand High School Principal; Melanie Whitcher, Daniel Hand High School Assistant Principal; Kathryn Hart, Polson Middle School Principal; Martha Curran, Polson Middle School Assistant Principal; Becky Frost, Neck River Elementary School Principal; Kelly Spooner, Brown Elementary School Principal

II. Action Item: Motion to accept the resignation of Board of Education member Diane Infantine-Vyce.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Deane to accept the resignation of Board of Education member Diane Infantine-Vyce.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Deane, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

III. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

IV. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report
Katherine Rizzo and Ethan Scheps

Kate shared that the recent club fair was a big success, fall sports teams are doing well, students have hit the midpoint of the first trimester, and parent teacher conferences are next week. Ethan shared that a Class of ’99 graduate visited on Friday and gave students a presentation on his career trajectory, the football game on Friday was dedicated to Coach Ciotti who is battling cancer, the Hats for Hope fundraiser was a big success last month, and the PSAT for sophomores and juniors is this week.

V. Superintendent's Report
Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- 2025-2026 Academic Report – Dr. Cooke and the building administration presented the 2025-2026 academic results. The presentation can be seen in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.
- Oct. 1 Enrollment Report – Dr. Cooke shared the official Oct. 1 enrollment report. This is the same report that is sent to the State.

VI. Board Members' Comments

Members commended the administrative team on the academic results.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VIII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of September 30, 2026
- Budget Expenditures as of September 30, 2026
- September Personnel Report

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Wilen, seconded by Miller to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Deane, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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

Curriculum and Student Development
Members: Catherine Miller, Chair; Mary Ann Connelly, Jessica Wilen

Mrs. Miller gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. The Instructional Coaches gave a presentation on the MPS Instructional Strategies Playbook.

Facilities Committee
Members: Lisa Deane, Chair; Kevin Fogarty

No report.

Finance Committee
Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Kevin Fogarty, Jessica Wilen

No report.

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

No report.

Policy Committee
Members: Maureen Lewis, Galen Cawley

No report.

LEARN Liaison
Galen Cawley

Mr. Cawley gave a report on the most recent LEARN meeting. He said the group listed to a presentation from the Guilford superintendent.

XI. Action Item: Motion to appoint Jessica Wilen to the position of Board Parliamentarian.

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Connelly to appoint Jessica Wilen to the position of Board Parliamentarian.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Deane, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Neck River PTO to Neck River Elementary in the amount of $6,583 for subscriptions.

MOTION: by Deane, seconded by Wilen to a donation from the Neck River PTO to Neck River Elementary in the amount of $6,583 for subscriptions.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Deane, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Neck River PTO to Neck River Elementary in the amount of $5,000 for field trips.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Connelly to approve a donation from the Neck River PTO to Neck River Elementary in the amount of $5,000 for field trips.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Deane, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Wilen, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Deane, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2026 Board of Education Retreat (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Wilen to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2026 Board of Education Retreat.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Deane, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XVI. Future Agenda Items

XVII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Connelly, seconded by Deane to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Deane, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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