

Southington Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2026 6:30 PM
John Weichsel Municipal Center Public Assembly Room
200 North Main Street
Southington, CT 06489



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. Executive Session
 - a. UPSEU PT/OT Contract Negotiations
3. Reconvene Meeting - Regular Session 7:00 p.m.
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Moment of Silence
5. Celebration of Excellence
 - a. Invention Convention Awards and Recognitions
6. Approval of Minutes - August 13, 2026
7. Public Communications
 - a. Communications from Student Board Representatives
 - b. Communications from Board of Education
 - c. Communications from Administration
 - d. Communications from Public - Agenda Items Only
8. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Personnel Report
9. Old Business
 - a. Town Government Communications
 - b. Class Size Report - Updated
10. New Business
 - a. Approval of Out of State / Overnight Field Trips
 1. SHS Ag Sci - National FFA Convention - Indianapolis, IN
 2. SHS Ag Sci - Eastern National 4-H Horse RoundUp National Contest - Louisville, KY
11. Public Communications
 - a. Public
12. Adjournment

MOMENT OF SILENCE – September 10, 2026

Donna Cello passed away on July 18, 2026.

Ms. Cello served as a Paraeducator from September 1996 until her well-deserved retirement in June of 2018.

Don Demers passed away on July 26, 2026.

Mr. Demers served as a math teacher at DePaolo Middle School from September 1969 through his well-earned retirement in July 2001. During his tenure, he served multiple terms as President for the Southington Education Association.

Mary Ann McDonald passed away on August 14, 2026.

Mrs. McDonald served as the Language Arts Coordinator from April 2002 until her well-deserved retirement in June 2007.

Greg Clark passed away on August 17, 2026.

Mr. Clark was hired as a long-term substitute teacher at JAD from January 2017 until April 2017. He was then hired in August 2018 and served as a science teacher at JFK until his resignation in December of 2023.

Ellen McCready Milhalko passed away on August 25, 2026.

Ms. McCready Milhalko was an employee of the Board of Education in the 1970's, lastly as a secretary at HES.

The minutes presented within the document provide a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. For the complete discussion of the agenda items, please view the video of the Board meeting on our website at <https://www.southingtonschools.org>. These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the following regular Board of Education Meeting.

**SOUTHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION, SOUTHINGTON, CT
Regular Meeting**

Committee of the Whole

August 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

John Weichsel Municipal Center Public Assembly Room
200 North Main Street Southington, CT 06489

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Oshana, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Joseph Baczewski, Mr. Robert Brown, Ms. Lisa Cammuso, Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mrs. Colleen Clark, Mrs. Dawn Derynoski-Anastasio, Mr. Zaya Oshana

Board Members Absent: Mr. Sean Carson, Mr. Cecil Whitehead

Cabinet Members Present: Mr. Steve Madancy, Superintendent, Mr. Frank Pepe, Assistant Superintendent

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Moment of Silence

Dr. Alfred Lederman passed away on July 24, 2026.

Dr. Lederman served as the Director of Secondary Education for Southington Public Schools until 1978; he went on to be the Superintendent of Schools for East Granby until 1994.

MOTION made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Cammuso, “Move that we move item 7.b. and c. to 3c. and d.” Motion carried 7-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. June 18, 2026

MOTION made by Mr. Baczewski and seconded by Mrs. Carmody, “Move to approve the Minutes from June 18, 2026.” Motion carried 7-0.

b. July 30, 2026

MOTION made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mrs. Carmody, “Move to approve the Minutes from July 30, 2026.” Motion carried 3-0. 4 abstained.

c. Appointment of Principal, Flanders Elementary School

MOTION made by Mrs. Carmody and seconded by Mr. Brown, “Move to appoint Mr. Jason Cicero as the new Flanders Elementary School Principal at an annual salary of \$151,361 effective August 6, 2026.”

Roll Call:

- **Mr. Baczewski: Yes**
- **Mr. Brown: Yes**
- **Ms. Cammuso: Yes**
- **Mrs. Carmody: Yes**
- **Mrs. Clark: Yes**
- **Mrs. Derynoski-Anastasio: Yes**
- **Mr. Oshana: Yes**

Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Cicero thanked the Board Members, Administration and the Southington Community. He is excited to begin his tenure as the next principal at Flanders Elementary School. He is thankful for the confidence and trust in him to lead out his learning community. He has already gotten to experience the community that exists at Flanders; he cannot wait to support them and make new relationships.

d. Introduction of Director, Karen Smith Academy

Mr. Oshana introduced the new Director of Karen Smith Academy (KSA), Mr. Michael Drury.

Mr. Drury thanked the Board Members and Administration for entrusting him with this very important role within the district. He has worked in Southington for the past 15 years where he was able to grow as an educator, a coach and now a leader. He is looking forward to improving and continuing to build the culture at KSA while helping students achieve their goals and overcome obstacles that may come forth.

Mr. Oshana called for a recess at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Oshana resumed the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

4. Public Communications

a. Communications from Board of Education

Mr. Brown announced the Wall of Honor inductees:

- Joe Della Porta- active in town, a veteran, and a volunteer
- Mark Ramsay – involved with Lewis Farms and the LEAF Program
- James Benn – an author of 21 publicized books
- Austin Florian – an Olympian and inspirational speaker
- Donald Dorman – a WWII veteran

To celebrate the Wall of Honor’s 20th year, these inductees, along with all past honorees, will be invited to the Aqua Turf for a dinner on December 8, 2026.

Mr. Brown indicated that the Sports Hall of Fame will be reinstituted. The Sports Hall of Fame existed until 2015 when it was disbanded. They will now go back to 2015 and continue to present day. The committee is working on the application process.

Mr. Brown mentioned how Scandinavian schools realize technology may be overdone; they are going back to books and writing. He believes we should exam the impact of the technology trend verses this trend because their job is to find the best way to educate our students.

b. Communications from Administration

Mr. Madancy spoke on the following topics:

- CDSE Approval for TVAL – annually the district submits its Teacher Evaluation Plan to the State Department of Education; there were no changes from last year therefor, it was approved again.
- Camp Invention – students had a great summer; it was sold out. There are some video of the kids in action. Mr. Madancy commented on there not being any screens in any of the videos; it was kids just hands-on learning in collaborative groups.
- Summer Projects and Maintenance Work – summer is always the busiest time of year for Mr. Romano and his Maintenance Staff; they never disappoint.
 - The roof at Strong Elementary School is 90% complete; it is on schedule to be finished on time and under budget.
 - The next steps for the AgSci Barn will be some sitework. A former AgSci Student who owns a landscaping company is going to donate his equipment and labor to do to the topsoil and plant grass seed.
 - Some members of the District Staff attended the Open Space Committee; they spoke about the paddocks needed at the AgSci Barn for the horses and moving livestock into the barn.
 - There may be a possible Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the AgSci Barn during the Apple Harvest Weekend.
 - The Tennis Courts at the High School will be getting cemented on August 14, 2026; it will take 20 days to cure before they put the topcoat on it. The parking lot at the High School is scheduled to be paved and completed on time.
 - The High School Solar Project is scheduled to be completed on time and under budget. This is the first solar array in town that the Board of Education will own; the Board will be kept informed of the savings produced from the solar array.
 - The condition of the Boy's Locker Room at the High School has been overhauled and improved. The Athletic Director Coaches have been put in charge to make sure it stays that way. Students need to have pride and be held accountable for the space, so it doesn't fall into disarray.
- Southington Public Schools will once again be part of the Science and Reading Master Class, Cohort 6.

- Important dates:
 - August 14, 2026 – Administration Retreat
 - August 20 and 21, 2026 – New Teacher Orientation
 - August 24, 2026 – All staff return
 - August 27, 2026 – First day of school for students K-12

Mr. Pepe spoke about New Teacher Orientation.

- Majority on Tuesday, early release days are dominated by Professional Development (PD). This PD is planned by Administrators.
 - On August 14, 2026, JoAnn Freiberg and Pat Ciccone will be joining the administrators to talk about restorative practice. This will be a great resource for the Administrators to plan future PDs throughout the year.
 - Dr. Ross Greene will be joining the Administrators for a few hours on August 14, 2026. He will give an overview of his theory and his processes. Next year there will be two planned site groups, one at JAD and one at DES where 6 total staff members will be trained biweekly for 6 weeks with intensive training on Dr. Greene's model. Mr. Pepe and one other person, yet to be named, will continue onto a 24-week intensive training resulting in being a trainer for the trainers.

Mr. Baczewski asked about the new cell phone policy he received from Mr. Aroian. He asked for clarification on students with individualized plans which require the use of a cell phone will still be allowed in classrooms.

Mr. Madancy indicated that some students have apps on their phones for specific circumstances where the apps are related to mental health, physical health and ailments; these would be identified through an IEP. Most of the learning-related needs are able to be covered with the technology that is provided by Southington Public Schools.

Mrs. Clark asked if the neighbors of the High School have been notified of what is going on at the High School.

Mr. Madancy clarified that there was correspondence that was sent out on August 12, 2026, and there has been a general awareness. The Police Department was notified. Once the parking lot is completed, there should be enough parking spaces at the High School to account for every student that drives to school.

- c. Communications from Public - Agenda Items Only
No comment made.

5. Superintendent's Report

- a. Personnel Report

MOTION made by Mrs. Carmody and seconded by Mrs. Clark, "Recommend that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as submitted by the Human Resource Department." Motion carried 7-0.

6. Old Business

- a. Town Government Communications
No comment made.

7. New Business

- a. Class Size Report

Mr. Madancy was proud to share we are within the Board guidelines across the district, at all schools, at all grade levels. They did the best job they could, especially in the early grades, with the staffing we have. Over the next two weeks there is expected to be numerous registrations and withdrawals; he will supply a more concrete report at the September Board meeting once the school year has started.

Mrs. Clark indicated we are down 10 teachers from last year in the FTE total. She asked if it was consistent that we have been going down over the years.

Mr. Madancy confirmed the number has been decreasing; last year to this year, we went from 154 to 144; the previous year was 159 to 154.

- b. Appointment of Principal, Flanders Elementary School
Moved to 3.c.
- c. Introduction of Director, Karen Smith Academy
Moved to 3.d.

8. Public Communications

- a. Public
No comment made.

9. Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Baczewski, "Move to adjourn."

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary

Board of Education

Administrative Report

September 10, 2026



1. Opening of 26-27 SY
2. Donation of vision kits from Walmart
3. Donation of supplies for all KSA students/Gift Cards for teachers from Bradley Alagna
4. Donation of large box of school supplies from the owners of Fancy Bagel Express - Chris and Natalia
5. High-Quality Instruction Special Education Grant

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

Informational Only _____ Board Meeting Date September 10, 2026
Decision Requested X Agenda Code 8 a

AGENDA REPORTING FORM

Agenda Topic: Personnel Report

Summary of Issue: This Personnel Report includes appointments, resignations, retirements, and transfers for certified and classified personnel for the 2026-2027 school year. The report also provides a monthly summary of district staffing levels, including the district's full-time equivalent (FTE) count and any variances in FTE from the previous reporting period. This report reflects personnel activity for the month of August 2026.

Background: The human resource department provides the Board of Education with a monthly update of personnel additions/reductions/changes.

Alternative Strategies: _____

Cost (if applicable): N/A **Funding Source:** Board of Education

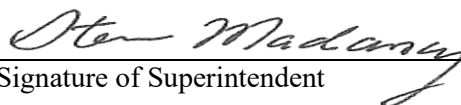
Beginning Date of Program or Project: N/A

Ending Date of Program or Project: N/A

Recommendation or Comment: Recommend that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as submitted by the human resource department.



Signature of Staff Member Submitting Report



Signature of Superintendent

Included:
Personnel Report
Agenda – September 2026

Personnel Report

August 2026

APPOINTMENTS

	NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	FTE	EFFECTIVE	DEGREE	SALARY
CLASS	Alexander, Gizelle	ABA Therapist, SLC	HES	1.0	8-24-2026	N/A	\$24.04
CLASS	Aylward, Dylan	Paraeducator	JAD	1.0	8-24-2026	N/A	\$19.43
CLASS	Bly, Dylan	Custodian, PT	MC	0.49	8-31-2026	N/A	\$17.81
CERT	Brush, Brandon	Language Arts Teacher	JAD	1.0	8-24-2026	MA	\$63,985
CERT	Buzas, Andrea	Special Ed. Teacher, PK	HES	1.0	8-24-2026	BA	\$53,150
CLASS	Carrero, Sean	Custodian, PT	JAD	0.49	8-27-2026	N/A	\$17.81
CERT	Civitello, Rachel	Special Education Teacher	JAD	1.0	9-21-2026	MA	\$84,222
CLASS	Cmiel, Alison	Paraeducator, TLC	JAD	1.0	9-14-2026	N/A	\$21.28
CLASS	Corcoran, Jaclyn	Literacy/Numeracy Tutor	DES	1.0	9-21-2026	N/A	\$25.00
CLASS	DelDebbio, Adrianna	Paraeducator	HES	1.0	8-27-2026	N/A	\$19.43
CLASS	Drew, Ryan	Custodian, PT	DES	0.49	8-27-2026	N/A	\$17.81
CLASS	Flores, Charlize	ABA Therapist	DES	1.0	8-24-2026	N/A	\$21.28
CERT	Gandza, Elizabeth	Special Education Teacher	JAD	1.0	8-24-2026	MA	\$57,239
CLASS	Garcia, Lynette	Paraeducator	TES	1.0	9-1-2026	N/A	\$19.43
CLASS	Gorneault, Abigail	Paraeducator	DES	0.88	9-8-2026	N/A	\$19.43
CLASS	Hernandez, Marta	Paraeducator, PK	SES	0.88	9-14-2026	N/A	\$19.43
CLASS	Kambo, Irene	ABA Therapist, PK	HES/SES	1.0	8-24-2026	N/A	\$19.43
CLASS	Krane, Jason	Paraeducator, PK	HES	0.83	8-27-2026	N/A	\$19.43
CLASS	Krzesik, Carter	ABA Therapist, SLC	HES	1.0	8-24-2026	N/A	\$21.28
CLASS	Mauk, Faith	Paraeducator	OES	1.0	9-8-2026	N/A	\$19.43
CERT	Muir, Danielle	Grade 5 Teacher	FES	1.0	8-24-2026	MA	\$84,222
CLASS	Palombizio, Joseph	Paraeducator	JAD	1.0	8-24-2026	N/A	\$19.43
CLASS	Paradise, Olivia	Paraeducator, TLC	DES	1.0	8-25-2026	N/A	\$21.28
CLASS	Pare, Nancy	Crossing Guard	JAD	1.0	8-27-2026	N/A	\$21.08
CLASS	Pelletier, Julie	Paraeducator, CLC	JFK	1.0	8-24-2026	N/A	\$21.28
CERT	Perkowski, Madison	Kindergarten	FES	1.0	8-24-2026	BA	\$53,150
CLASS	Petrillo, Christina	ABA Therapist, SLC	HES	1.0	8-24-2026	N/A	\$21.28
CLASS	Rivera, Yadielis	Paraeducator, CLC	HES	1.0	9-1-2026	N/A	\$21.28
CLASS	Solleck, John	Custodian, PT	DES/KSA	0.49	8-27-2026	N/A	\$17.81
CERT	Sweigard, Kailey	Grade 5 Teacher	SES	1.0	8-24-2026	BA	\$53,150
CLASS	Verderame, Stephanie	Paraeducator	HES	1.0	8-24-2026	N/A	\$21.13

**Pierce, Scott – Rescinded Acceptance, reported on 8/13/2026 report*

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

	NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE	YRS	RET/RES
CLASS	Annunziato, Sophia	Paraeducator, FT	DES	8-4-2026	2	RESIGN
CERT	Bowen, Erica	Grade 5 Teacher	FES	8-4-2026	5	RESIGN
CLASS	Dyer, Aidan	Administrative Assistant	CO	9-19-2026	1	RESIGN
CLASS	Gould, Emily	Paraeducator, FT	KES	8-21-2026	6 mo.	RESIGN
CLASS	Henry, Elizabeth	Paraeducator, FT	FES	8-24-2026	4 mo.	RESIGN
CERT	Kraft, Ashley	Special Education Teacher	FES	8-4-2026	5	RESIGN
CERT	Kulesa, Sharon	Kindergarten Teacher	FES	8-24-2026	24	RESIGN
CLASS	Lavoie, Nicole	Paraeducator, CLC	HES	8-19-2026	2	RESIGN
CERT	LiPuma, Abbey	Special Ed. Teacher, PK	HES	8-4-2026	2	RESIGN
CERT	McDonald, Colin	Special Education Teacher	JFK	8-12-2026	5	RESIGN
CLASS	O'Connell, Janine	ABA Therapist, SLC	JFK	8-18-2026	8	RESIGN
CLASS	Padilla, Adalisse	Paraeducator, FT	JAD	7-28-2026	2	RESIGN
CLASS	Pappas, Darlynn	Crossing Guard	JAD	8-4-2026	4	RESIGN
CLASS	Perillo, Jennifer	Paraeducator, FT	HES	8-12-2026	8	RESIGN
CLASS	Torres, Deliza	Custodian, PT	OES	8-27-2026	2	RESIGN

Personnel Report

August 2026

ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

FROM (PREVIOUS ASSIGN)			TO (NEW ASSIGN)		
NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	FTE	POSITION/SCHOOL	FTE	EFFECTIVE

None to report

TRANSFERS

FROM (PREVIOUS ASSIGN)			TO (NEW ASSIGN)		
CERT NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	FTE	POSITION/SCHOOL	FTE	EFFECTIVE

None to report

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	DATES	LTS/COVERAGE
Bates, Hannah	ELA/JFK	9-8-2026 – 1-1-2027	Chiburis, Robin
Benitez, Gabriella	Math/SHS	9-3-2026 – 1-1-2027	Poplawski, Alexander
Bolduc, Kelly	Grade 5/HES	9-17-2026 – 12-6-2026	Tabellione, Isabella
Burksa, Monica	Psychologist/KES	9-3-2026 – 10-25-2026	Walsh, Margaret
Ellsworth, Riley	PE & Health/District	8-24-2026 – 11-15-2026	D'Aurio, Dominic
Ferguson, Elvira	Social Studies/JAD	8-24-2026 – 9-30-2026	McCloskey, Daniel
Galvez, Solange	Spanish/JFK	8-24-2026 – 11-15-2026	Hernandez, Migdalia
Jacobs, Lauren	Science/JFK	8-24-2026 – 6-9-2027	Roarty, Timothy
Lowe, Meghan	Math/JFK	9-30-2026 – 1-1-2027	Alexander, Julia
Maglio, Morgan	Ag-Sci/JFK	8-24-2026 – 10-6-2026	Pizzitola, Laini
Marks, Grace	Special Ed/JFK	8-24-2026 – 11-8-2026	Kennedy, Kathleen
McMinn, Angela	Grade 2/SEES	8-24-2026 – 9-24-2026	DelDebbio, Carolyn
Michalak, Rosemary	French/JAD	8-24-2026 – 10-25-2026	Fischer, Tamarah
O'Neil, Maria	Grade 3/DES	8-24-2026 – 6-9-2027	Roosa, Paige
Ryan, Sarah	Kindergarten/SEES	8-24-2026 – 3-21-2027	Carbone, Rachel
Sadji, Zina	French/SHS	8-24-2026 – 6-9-2027	Al-Soufi, Hind
Topper, Rachel	Grade 3/DES	8-24-2026 – 11-22-2027	Guy, Brooke

STIPENDS

COACHING

Resignations/Non-Renewals

Boisvert, Michele	Varsity Softball Head Coach	SHS	RESIGN
Putnam, Scott	Freshman Football Assistant Coach	SHS	RESIGN

Appointments

None to report

OTHER

Resignations/Non-Renewals

Miceli, Marc	Newspaper Advisor	JFK	RESIGN
Mullins, Amy	Student Council Co-Advisor	JFK	RESIGN

Appointments

Hilding, Emily	Select Orchestra Advisor	JAD/JFK	STIPEND
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Personnel Report

August 2026

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) – STAFF COUNT

Month	Beginning FTE	Additions	Reductions	Grant Funded	Ending FTE	Notes
Jun-26	1,189.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,189.84	2025–2026 year-end FTE count; establishes baseline for 2026–2027 reporting.
Jul-26	1,189.84	0.00	(26.00)	0.00	1,163.84	Reduction of 26.0 FTE associated with 2026–2027 staffing reallocations.
Aug-26	1,163.84	3.00	0.00	0.00	1,166.84	3.0 FTE added to support newly enrolled students requiring adult/paraeducator support at SES and HES (8/25&9/1).
Sep-26						
Oct-26						
Nov-26						
Dec-26						
Jan-27						
Feb-27						
27-Mar						
27-Apr						
27-May						
27-Jun						

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

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Board Meeting Date September 10, 2026

Decision Requested X

Agenda Code 10 a. 1.

AGENDA REPORTING FORM

Agenda Topic: Out of State: Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trip

Summary of Issue: The Board of Education must give approval for field trips that are over 200 miles in distance from Southington, trips to foreign countries, or overnight field trips. Presented here is the following trip:

- SHS Agricultural Science - National FFA Convention-- Indianapolis, IN
 - October 20-24, 2026

Background: N/A

Alternative Strategies: N/A

Cost (if applicable): N/A **Funding Source:** _____

Beginning Date of Program or Project: N/A

Ending Date of Program or Project: N/A

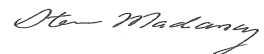
Recommendation or Comment: Move that the Board of Education approve the field trip request as presented by the administration.

Titles of Attachments:

1. Field Trip Application



Signature of Staff Member Submitting Report



Signature of Superintendent of Schools

**Southington High School
Agricultural Science
National FFA Convention**

Indianapolis, IN

(October 20-24, 2026)



**Application for Out-of-State /
In-State / Overnight Field Trip**

Date Submitted: 8/27/2026

School: SHS

Out of State: Yes

Overnight: Yes

Round Trip Mileage: 1700

Trip Information

Class / Group / Grade	Southington FFA
Name of Destination	National FFA Convention
Address of Destination	Indianapolis Indiana
Departure Date and Time	10/20/2026 6:00:00
Return Date and Time	10/24/2026 22:00:00
Type of Trip	Non-Academic (Ratio is 10:1)
Number of Students: 12	Number of Chaperones: 2

Educational Purpose

attend the FFA National Convention and have the Ag Marketing Team compete at the national contest

Special Considerations

Is specialized transportation required? No

If yes, has specialized transportation been arranged? N/A

Destination Handicap Accessible: Yes

Lift Van Requested: No

Is a nurse required to attend? No

Cost & Financing

Total Anticipated Cost	\$9000
BOE Contribution Requested	\$none
Other Funding (source and amount)	\$trip is partially funded by FFA

students also fund the trip

Fundraising to offset cost	\$pie sale possibly
Student Contribution	\$12 students @\$450 = \$5400

Electronic Approvals

<u>Approval Type</u>	<u>Digital Signature</u>	<u>Signature Date</u>
Teacher	MARGARET GROHT	8/27/2026
Nurse	Michelle J. Barbour RN	9/4/2026
Building Administrator	Rich Aroian	9/4/2026
Director of PPS	Amy Aresco	9/4/2026
Director of Teaching & Learning	Christina L. Zlatin	9/4/2026

Board of Education Action

☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved Board Action Date: _____ Board Chair Signature: _____

Itinerary for the FFA National Convention trip:

Fly out on Tuesday; check into hotel and register for the convention.

Wednesday - attend general sessions, student workshops, and visit the zoo.

Thursday - Marketing Team competes. Other students will go on Career success tours and National Days of Service

Friday - attend general sessions, attend awards for Marketing competition, attend student workshops, attend the rodeo

Saturday - fly home

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

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Board Meeting Date September 10, 2026

Decision Requested X

Agenda Code 10 a. 2.

AGENDA REPORTING FORM

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- SHS Agricultural Science – Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Contest – Louisville, KY
 - November 5-8, 2026

Background: N/A

Alternative Strategies: N/A

Cost (if applicable): N/A **Funding Source:** _____

Beginning Date of Program or Project: N/A

Ending Date of Program or Project: N/A

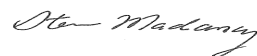
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Titles of Attachments:

1. Field Trip Application



Signature of Staff Member Submitting Report



Signature of Superintendent of Schools

**Southington High School
Agricultural Science
Eastern National 4-H Roundup Contest**

Louisville, KY

(November 5-8, 2026)



Date Submitted: 8/27/2026

Out of State: Yes

School: SHS

Overnight: Yes

Round Trip Mileage: 1700

Trip Information

Class / Group / Grade	Southington 4-H Club (part of Ag)
Name of Destination	Eastern National 4-H Horse RoundUp National Contest Louisville, KY
Address of Destination	937 Phillips Lane Louisville, KY 40209
Departure Date and Time	11/5/2026 6:00:00
Return Date and Time	11/8/2026 22:00:00
Type of Trip	Non-Academic (Ratio is 10:1)
Number of Students: 1	Number of Chaperones: 2 per M. Groht

Educational Purpose

competing as part of the UConn 4-H State Horse Judging Team at the Eastern National 4-H Horse RoundUp National Contest

Special Considerations

Is specialized transportation required? No

If yes, has specialized transportation been arranged? N/A

Destination Handicap Accessible: Yes

Lift Van Requested: No

Is a nurse required to attend? No

Cost & Financing

Total Anticipated Cost	\$no cost to school; partially funded by UConn Extension
BOE Contribution Requested	\$none
Other Funding (source and amount)	\$All funding is through UConn Extension
Fundraising to offset cost	\$UConn Extension is handling all funding
Student Contribution	\$0

Electronic Approvals

<u>Approval Type</u>	<u>Digital Signature</u>	<u>Signature Date</u>
Teacher	MARGARET GROHT	8/27/2026
Nurse	Michelle J. Barbour RN	9/4/2026
Building Administrator	Rich Aroian	9/4/2026
Director of PPS	Amy Aresco	9/4/2026
Director of Teaching & Learning	Christina L. Zlatin	9/4/2026

Board of Education Action

☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved

Board Action Date: _____

Board Chair Signature: _____

Itinerary for Eastern National RoundUp

Fly out on Thursday; visit the KY Derby Museum, check into hotel

Friday - tour the KY horse park, tour Keeneland, visit museum at KY horse park

Saturday - compete in the National Horse Judging Contest

Sunday - attend awards breakfast and fly home