

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 7:30 PM

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

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

Video documentation of these proceedings can be found in the Meetings/Minutes section of the website.

I. Call to Order / Attendance

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Adam Levitus, Colliers International

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman

Brooke reported that student leadership recently met with members of Madison Youth Unplugged to discuss cell phones. Brooke said the conversation was productive and it was helpful for members of MYU to hear more about the cell phone restrictions already in place at the high school. Brooke also shared that Dr. Cooke, Mr. Salutari, and Mrs. DaSilva recently traveled to Washington D.C. to receive Hand's National Blue Ribbon Award.

Grace shared that the high school held a Veterans Day assembly this week, the end of Trimester 1 is quickly approaching, and the fall sports season is wrapping up.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Project Update from Colliers International – Adam Levitus of Colliers International gave an update on the Neck River Elementary School project. The presentation can be heard in full on the meeting recording on the District website.
- Nonlapsing Education Fund Update – Dr. Cooke notified the Board that, as confirmed through the audit process, approximately \$140,000 in 2023-2024 education dollars will be moved into the Board's nonlapsing fund.
- NEAS&C Visit – Dr. Cooke shared that the visiting team from NEAS&C will be at the high school next week. This visit is part of the high school accreditation process.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin commented that the Board will attend the CABA/CAPSS Conference on Nov. 15.

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 October 31, 2024
- Budget Expenditures as of October 31, 2024
- October 2024 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

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

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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

Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

Mr. Pynn reported that the committee met earlier that evening. The meeting included a presentation from the high school administration on changes to the Program of Studies.

Facilities Committee

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

Mrs. Rosenthal reported that the committee met earlier that evening. The committee toured the Neck River Elementary School construction site.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Christine Maisano, Emily Rosenthal

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce gave a report on the following policies:

Policies for rescission, waive second reading:

- 6080 Educating Students in the Core Educational Program
- 6080.13 Teaching About Religion
- 6080.20.1 Remedial Instruction
- 6080.22 Homebound/Hospital Instruction
- 6080.29.3 Career and Vocational Education

Policies for Review, First Reading:

- 1370 Non-Discrimination
- 4030.5 Family and Medical Leave
- 4118.1 Non-Discrimination
- 4118.14 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- 5020.1 Non-Discrimination
- 5200 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

X. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 6080 Educating Students in the Core Educational Program, 6080.13 Teaching About Religion, 6080.20.1 Remedial Instruction, 6080.22 Homebound/Hospital Instruction, 6080.29.3 Career and Vocational Education

MOTION: by Connelly, seconded by Rosenthal to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 6080 Educating Students in the Core Educational Program, 6080.13 Teaching About Religion, 6080.20.1 Remedial Instruction, 6080.22 Homebound/Hospital Instruction, 6080.29.3 Career and Vocational Education.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the DHHS Gymnastics Boosters Club to Daniel Hand High School Athletics in the amount of \$2,083 for a gymnastics mat.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Connelly to approve a donation from the DHHS Gymnastics Boosters Club to Daniel Hand High School Athletics in the amount of \$2,083 for a gymnastics mat.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,
Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Board of Education Meeting
(Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Cawley to approve the
minutes of the October 22, 2024 Board of Education
Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce
MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0 – 1

XIII. Future Agenda Items

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Lewis to adjourn at 8:33
p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,
Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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