

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2024 7:30 PM

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

Subject to Approval

Meeting Motions

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I. Call to Order / Attendance

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Christine Maisano, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

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

II. School / Community Session

Public Participation

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- 2025-2026 Calendar
- Future Use of PreK-3 Buildings

V. Board Members' Comments

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

VII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of December 5, 2024
- Budget Expenditures as of December 5, 2024
- November 2024 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

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

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

Motion to move up current agenda items X and XI and renumber accordingly.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Pynn *to move up current agenda items X and XI and renumber accordingly.*

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve the Phase 3 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment (FFE) and Audio-Visual/IT Package and authorize the project to proceed with state final plan review and subsequent procurement. The Phase 3 package is comprised of plans and the project manual dated 11/27/24 along with supporting state grant process documentation.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Connelly to approve the Phase 3 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment (FFE) and Audio-Visual/IT Package and authorize the project to proceed with state final plan review and subsequent procurement.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the Phase 4 Playground Package and authorize the project to proceed with state final plan review and subsequent procurement. The Phase 4 package is comprised of plans and the project manual dated 11/27/24 along with supporting state grant process documentation.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Pynn to approve the Phase 4 Playground Package and authorize the project to proceed with state final plan review and subsequent procurement.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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

Curriculum and Student Development

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

Facilities Committee

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

Finance Committee

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

Personnel Committee

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

Policy Committee

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

Policies for Rescission, Waive Second Reading:

- 6080.2 English Language Arts Education
- 6080.19.3.4 Role of the School Psychologist
- 6080.19.3.5 Role of School Counselors
- 6080.19.3.6 Role of Instructional Paraprofessionals
- 6080.20 School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and Interventions (Scientific Research-Based Interventions or SRBI)
- 6100.14.3 Resource Center / Media Centers / School Library
- 6110.7.2 Graduation Exercises
- 6120 Evaluation of Instructional Programs
- 6152 Grouping for Instruction
- 7110 Educational Facilities Planning and Capital Programming

Policies for Review, Waive Second Reading:

- 6050 Parental Access to Instructional Material

Policies for Review, First Reading:

- 9210 Role of Board and Members

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve returning the Jeffrey Elementary, Ryerson Elementary, and Town Campus Learning Center buildings to the Town of Madison, effective January 1, 2026.

MOTION: by Maisano, seconded by Lewis to approve returning the Jeffrey Elementary, Ryerson Elementary, and

Town Campus Learning Center buildings to the Town of Madison, effective January 1, 2026.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the revised 2025-2026 Calendar

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Pynn to approve the revised 2025-2026 Calendar.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Connelly

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0 – 1

XIV. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 6080.2 English Language Arts Education, 6080.19.3.4 Role of the School Psychologist, 6080.19.3.5 Role of School Counselors, 6080.19.3.6 Role of Instructional Paraprofessionals, 6080.20 School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and Interventions (Scientific Research-Based Interventions or SRBI), 6100.14.3 Resource Center / Media Centers / School Library, 6110.7.2 Graduation Exercises, 6120 Evaluation of Instructional Programs, 6152 Grouping for Instruction, 7110 Educational Facilities Planning and Capital Programming

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Connelly to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 6080.2 English Language Arts Education, 6080.19.3.4 Role of the School Psychologist, 6080.19.3.5 Role of School Counselors, 6080.19.3.6 Role of Instructional Paraprofessionals, 6080.20 School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and Interventions (Scientific Research-Based Interventions or SRBI), 6100.14.3 Resource Center / Media Centers / School Library, 6110.7.2 Graduation Exercises, 6120 Evaluation of Instructional Programs, 6152 Grouping for Instruction, 7110 Educational Facilities Planning and Capital Programming.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XV. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and approve policy 6050 Parental Access to Instructional Material.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Pynn to waive the second reading and approve policy 6050 Parental Access to Instructional Material.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XVI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2024 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Cawley to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2024 Board of Education meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Connelly

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0 – 1

XVII. Future Agenda Items

XVIII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Connelly to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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