

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 6:30 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 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, MaryAnn Connelly (on Zoom), Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Dr. Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent

### **II. School / Community Session**

No members of the public spoke.

### **III. Superintendent's Report**

*Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.*

- End-of-Year Report – Dr. Cooke gave a report on all of the events that took place at the end of the year including Polson promotion, the Elementary School walkthrough, and Class of 2025 graduation. The report can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.
- Summer Construction – Dr. Cooke gave an update on the work taking place at Brown, Neck River, and Hand this summer.

### **IV. Board Members' Comments**

Mr. Pynn remarked that he liked how student-centered Polson promotion and Hand graduation were. Mrs. Miller thanked teachers for their work during the reorganization. Mr. Klaskin offered his congratulations to the Class of 2025 graduates.

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

No members of the public spoke.

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

Curriculum and Student Development

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

No report.

Facilities Committee

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

No report.

Finance Committee

*Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Emily Rosenthal*

Mr. Cawley gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. He said the committee discussed end-of-year balances for the current fiscal year.

Personnel Committee

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

Mrs. Lewis said negotiations with the nurses' union are ongoing.

Policy Committee

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

No report.

LEARN Liaison

*Mary Ann Connelly*

Dr. Cooke gave a brief update on the end-of-year LEARN meeting.

VII. Action Item: Motion to approve the proposed CTE, Science, Theater, and World Language curriculum units recommended by the Curriculum & Student Development Committee.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Miller to approve the proposed CTE, Science, Theater, and World Language curriculum units recommended by the Curriculum & Student Development Committee.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

VIII. Action Item: Motion to authorize the Finance Committee Chair to close out the 2024-2025 fiscal year directly with the Finance Director.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to authorize the Finance Committee Chair to close out the 2024-2025 fiscal year directly with the Finance Director.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Rosenthal to the approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Connelly

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0 – 1

X. Discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent and take possible action on the Central Office Contract (discussion proposed for Executive Session)

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to enter into executive session to discuss the Central Office contract at 6:54 p.m. and invite in Superintendent of Schools Dr. Cooke.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to return to Regular Session at 7:43 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

Possible Action Item: Motion to approve the Superintendent's contract and authorize the Board Chair to finalize terms in accordance with discussions in Executive Session.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve the Superintendent's contract and authorize the Board Chair to finalize terms in accordance with discussions in Executive Session.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Future Agenda Items

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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