Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 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 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, Anthony Paolitto, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Dr. Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent, Anthony Salutari Jr., Daniel Hand High School Principal; Brian Bodner, Daniel Hand High School Assistant Principal; Melanie Whitcher, Daniel hand High School Assistant Principal; Martha Curran, Polson Middle School Assistant Principal; Kelly Spooner, Brown Elementary School Principal; Frank Henderson, Brown Elementary School Assistant Principal; Rebecca Frost, Neck River Elementary School Principal; Sherry Farmer, Neck River Elementary School Assistant Principal

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report
Grace Ackerman and Katherine Rizzo

Grace was unable to attend this evening. Katherine reported on the recent club fair at the high school, the school spirit day, pep rally and football game. She said the German exchange program started on Oct. 10 for the third year in a row, sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT this week, homecoming is Nov. 1 and student leadership has started a new newsletter focused on screen time.

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

- 2024-2025 Academic Report – the District administrative team presented the 2024-2025 academic results. The presentation can be viewed in full on the District website in the Meetings/Minutes section.
- Oct. 1 Enrollment Report – Dr. Cooke shared the Oct. 1 enrollment report. The report is available on the District website.

V. Board Members' Comments

No board member comments.

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

VII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of Sept. 30, 2025
- Budget Expenditures as of Sept. 30, 2025
- September 2025 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

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

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, 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 gave a report on the Oct. 9 Curriculum special meeting where the board received a presentation on AI.

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

No report.

Finance Committee
Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Anthony Paolitto, 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

No report.

LEARN Liaison
Anthony Paolitto

Mr. Paolitto gave a report on the LEARN meeting that took place Oct. 7.

X. Action Item: Motion to adopt the MPS AI Literacy position statement and recognize AI Literacy as a curricular content area.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Paolitto to adopt the MPS AI Literacy position statement and recognize AI Literacy as a curricular content area.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the disposal of used books and equipment.

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Miller to approve the disposal of used books and equipment.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from Edukit, Inc. to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of $1,423.47 for supplies.

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Lewis to approve a donation from Edukit, Inc. to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of $1,423.47 for supplies.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Jeffrey PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of $9,000 for field trips.

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Pynn to approve a donation from the Jeffrey PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of $9,000 for field trips.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:

ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Jeffrey PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of $3,850 to fund Scholastic, PebbleGo and World Book subscriptions.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to approve a donation from the Jeffrey PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of $3,850 to fund Scholastic, PebbleGo and World Book subscriptions.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Paolitto, seconded by Pynn to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XVI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2025 Board of Education retreat (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2025 Board of Education retreat.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XVII. Future Agenda Items

XVIII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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.