

Board of Education Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 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 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Lisa Deane, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, Emily Rosenthal, Jessica Wilen

Also present: Craig A Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Elizabeth Battaglia, Ed.D., Director of Special Education; Anthony Salutari Jr., Daniel Hand High School Principal; Brian Bodner, Daniel Hand High School Assistant Principal; Melanie Witcher, Daniel Hand High School Assistant Principal; Kathryn Hart, Polson Middle School Principal; Martha Curran, Polson Middle School Assistant Principal; Kelly Spooner, Brown Elementary School Principal; Frank Henderson, Brown Elementary School Assistant Principal; Mike Gingburg, MEA President; Melissa Anderson, Polson Middle School Nurse

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Teacher Appreciation Week - Dr. Cooke thanked the 300 teachers in the district for the incredible work they do day in and day out to educate our students. MEA President Mike Ginsburg thanked the Board and Administration for their support.
- School Nurse Appreciation Day - Dr. Cooke thanked the school nurses on staff for their hard work and dedication to our students. Polson Middle School Nurse Melissa Anderson thanked the Board and Administration for their support.
- 2026 CABA Student Leadership Award - The CABA Student Leadership Awards Program is designed to honor Connecticut high school and middle school students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. The four student recipients were honored at the Board meeting. More information can be found here: <https://www.madison.k12.ct.us/district/communication/recent-news/caba-2026-student-leadership-awards>
- 2026 CAS High School Principal of the Year Award Recognition – Dr. Cooke, members of the Board of Education, State Senator Christine Cohen, State Representative John-Michael Parker, and Town Officials recognized DHHS Principal Anthony Salutari Jr, the 2026 CAS High School Principal of the Year. Remarks can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

IV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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