

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 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, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Jessica Wilen

Also present: Craig A Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Adam Levitus, Associate Director Colliers International; Ben Whittaker, Director of Construction and Planning; Aaron Fliss, Director of Administrative Services

II. Action Item: Motion to award the Polson Life Skills/Lounge Area renovation contract to Gilbane Construction Co. The BOE portion of the project, totaling \$68,416.50, will be funded by the CT DRIP grant.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Deane to award the Polson Life Skills/Lounge Area renovation contract to Gilbane Construction Co. The BOE portion of the project, totaling \$68,416.50, will be funded by the CT DRIP grant.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

III. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

IV. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Grace Ackerman and Katherine Rizzo

Grace gave a report on all of the Class of 2026 end-of-year events, spring sports results, class officer elections, and shared that three sophomores recently won a DMV PSA contest. Kate shared that the NHS induction is Thursday, Interact club recently participated in a day of giving, and the Chorus concert is May 27.

V. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Student Recognition: Christian Capizzi – Dr. Cooke recognized Polson Grade 8 student Christian Capizzi for his work raising money for the Tommy Fund.
- BOE Formal Acceptance of Neck River Elementary as part of the State Grant process – Adam Levitus of Colliers International gave a presentation on the status of the project now and next steps to close out the project. The presentation can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.
- Chartwells Food Service Contract – Aaron Fliss reviewed the annual contract renewal and extension.

VI. Board Members' Comments

No Board member comments.

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

No members of the public spoke.

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

Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Catherine Miller, Chair; Mary Ann Connelly, Jessica Wilen

No report.

Facilities Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair; Diane Infantine-Vyce, Lisa Deane

No report.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Emily Rosenthal, Jessica Wilen

Mr. Cawley gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. He said the committee reviewed current financials, the DRIP grant, and fiscal year closeout procedures.

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 policies discussed at the committee meeting earlier in the evening and the following policies on the agenda as an action item.

Policies for Review, Second Reading:

- 3323 Soliciting Prices (Bids and Quotations)
- 6142.101 Student Wellness

LEARN Liaison

Galen Cawley

Mr. Cawley gave a report on the most recent LEARN meeting where the main topic on the agenda was the annual budget.

IX. Action Item: Motion that as of May 26, 2026 the Madison Board of Education accepts as complete the new Neck River Elementary School located at 180 Mungertown Rd, Madison, CT, State Project Number 076-0067N.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to as of May 26, 2026 the Madison Board of Education accepts as complete the new Neck River Elementary School located at 180 Mungertown Rd, Madison, CT, State Project Number 076-0067N.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the proposed Amendment Number Two dated July 1, 2026, between the Madison Board of Education and Compass Group USA, Inc., by and through its Chartwells Division, as presented.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Wilen to approve the proposed Amendment Number Two dated July 1, 2026, between the Madison Board of Education and Compass Group USA, Inc., by and through its Chartwells Division, as presented.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies effective July 1, 2026: 3323 Soliciting Prices (Bids and Quotations), 6142.101 Student Wellness

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to approve the following policies effective July 1, 2026: 3323 Soliciting Prices (Bids and Quotations), 6142.101 Student Wellness.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the two May 12, 2026 Board of Education Special Meetings (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Wilen, seconded by Deane to approve the minutes of the two May 12, 2026 Board of Education Special Meetings.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Klaskin, Lewis, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0- 1

XIII. Evaluation of the Superintendent (discussion proposed for Executive Session)

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to enter into executive session at 7:51 p.m. and invite in Superintendent of Schools Dr. Craig Cooke for the evaluation of the Superintendent.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to return to regular session at 8:15 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XIV. Future Agenda Items – Dr. Wilen requested a presentation on EdTech vendors and chromebooks.

XV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Wilen to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,
Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

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