

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 5:00 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 5:01 p.m. by Chairperson Emily Rosenthal. Mrs. Rosenthal led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Kevin Fogarty, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig A Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Ben Whittaker, Director of Construction and Planning; Peter Anderson, Director of Facilities

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

Dr. Cooke gave an update on student enrollment, staffing, and summer work across the District. He then introduced Mr. Whittaker to review the proposed 2027-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

IV. Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Miller thanked Mr. Whittaker for his work on the CIP. Mrs. Rosenthal welcomed Mr. Fogarty to the Board of Education.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VI. Action Item: Election of Board Secretary (Ref. Bylaw #9420)

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Miller to elect Maureen Lewis as Board Secretary.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Fogarty, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

VII. Action Item: Motion to appoint Kevin Fogarty to the Facilities Committee and Finance Committee (Ref. Bylaw #9450)

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Connelly to appoint Kevin Fogarty to the Facilities Committee and Finance Committee.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Fogarty, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the 2027-2028 Capital Improvement Plan.

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Miller to approve the 2027-2028 Capital Improvement Plan.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Fogarty, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

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

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

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Fogarty, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Neck River PTO to Neck River Elementary in the amount of \$2102.41 for the purchase of library books.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Connelly to approve a donation from the Neck River PTO to Neck River Elementary in the amount of \$2102.41 for the purchase of library books.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Fogarty, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the South Central Regional Council of Governments to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$2,222.00 for bike racks.

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Fogarty to approve a donation from the South Central Regional Council of Governments to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$2,222.00 for bike racks.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Fogarty, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Brown School PTO to Brown Elementary School in the amount of \$46,746.50 for school wish list items and field trips.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Fogarty to approve a donation from the Brown School PTO to Brown Elementary School in the amount of \$46,746.50 for school wish list items and field trips.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Fogarty, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Cawley to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Fogarty, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal,

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XIV. Future Agenda Items

XV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Lewis to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Fogarty, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal,

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

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