

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 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 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Emily Rosenthal. Mrs. Rosenthal led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: MaryAnn Connelly, Kevin Fogarty, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Maureen Lewis, Emily Rosenthal, Jessica Wilen (on Zoom)

Also present: Craig A Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Zoe Roos, Director of Communications

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Katherine Rizzo and Ethan Scheps

Kate shared the new cell phone ban is going well, Back to School night took place last week, the Senior picnic/school spirit day is Sept. 18, and underclassmen are taking an EMT survey to see if there is interest in running a course next year. Ethan shared that the first home football game is Sept. 18, the new mastery transcript program sessions are very popular, and he gave some student leadership updates.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Cell Phone Policy – Dr. Cooke shared that the cell phone policy is going well at the high school. He said the policy has caused more work for staff with referrals and commended the administration on their handling of the policy.
- Legislative Updates – The Lt. Governor recently shared that the state will push to include a free lunch program for all K-12 students in the next legislative session. Dr. Cooke said the District will monitor that conversation closely.
- Annual Report (Ref. Public Act 25-93, Section 32) – The state now requires an annual report be given to the Board of education that includes information on all of the District's community partnership contracts, workforce development programs and staff attrition data from the prior school year. Dr. Cooke shared the report with the Board.
- ADA Presentation – Ms. Roos gave an update on the new ADA standards that will go into effect at the end of the year.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Fogarty introduced himself to the board.

Dr. Infantine-Vyce, who will be stepping down from the Board later this month, reflected on her time on the Board and encouraged community members to volunteer for elected positions. All other Board members thanked her for her service on the Board.

Mrs. Rosenthal shared that she attended the recent public information session on the Green Hill and Mungertown Road sidewalk project.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VII. 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: Lisa Deane, Chair; Diane Infantine-Vyce, Kevin Fogarty

Mrs. Deane gave a brief updated on the Sept. 1 facilities committee meeting.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Kevin Fogarty, Jessica Wilen

Dr. Wilen gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. The committee discussed the 27-28 Budget calendar, the 27-28 budget assumptions, and the 25-26 unaudited budget results.

Personnel Committee

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

Mrs. Lewis said AMA negotiations are ongoing.

Policy Committee

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

No report.

LEARN Liaison

Galen Cawley

No report.

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the DHHS Boys Soccer Booster Club to the Boys Soccer program in the amount of \$5,000 for PlayerData units.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewisto approve a donation from the DHHS Boys Soccer Booster Club to the Boys Soccer program in the amount of \$5,000 for PlayerData units.

AYES: Connelly, Fogarty, Infantine-Vyce, Lewis,
Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Neck River PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$5,000 for fall field trips.

MOTION: by Deane, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve a donation from the Neck River PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$5,000 for fall field trips.

AYES: Connelly, Fogarty, Infantine-Vyce, Lewis,
Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the application for the CABA Board of Distinction Award.

MOTION: by Connelly, seconded by Fogarty to approve the application for the CABA Board of Distinction Award.

AYES: Connelly, Fogarty, Infantine-Vyce, Lewis,
Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Fogarty to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Connelly, Fogarty, Infantine-Vyce, Lewis,
Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

XII. Future Agenda Items

The Board will need to elect a parliamentarian at an upcoming meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

AYES: Connelly, Fogarty, Infantine-Vyce, Lewis, Rosenthal, Wilen

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0

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