

Board of Education Special Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 6:00 PM

Town Campus Hammonasset Room/Zoom
10 Campus Drive
Madison, CT 06443

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order / Attendance

The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:03 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; Stacy Nobitz, Director of Finance

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- 2026-2027 Budget – Dr. Cooke shared that since the 26-27 budget has been approved by the voters, the Board will now need to formalize the \$100K reduction from the Board of Finance. Dr. Cooke reviewed the administrations proposal for the \$100K reduction, emphasizing that the reduction will not impact staffing.
- Teacher Evaluation Plan Revisions – Mrs. Dahling-Hench reviewed the revisions to the teacher evaluation plan.

IV. Board Members' Comments

None.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VI. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of April 30, 2026.
- Budget Expenditures as of April 30, 2026.
- April 2026 Personnel Report

VII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Deane to approve the consent agenda.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal,
Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the revised Teacher Evaluation Plan.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to approve the revised Teacher Evaluation Plan.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal,
Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve reducing the 2026-2027 budget by \$100,000 as recommended by the Administration.

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Rosenthal to approve reducing the 2026-2027 budget by \$100,000 as recommended by the Administration.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal,
Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 6010 Our Mission, 6163.32 Service Animals, 5120.3.6 Animals in Schools.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Wilen to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 6010 Our Mission, 6163.32 Service Animals, 5120.3.6 Animals in Schools.

AYES: Cawley, Deane, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Rosenthal,
Wilen
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Polson PTO to Polson Middle School in the amount of \$2,000 for the Grade 8 Holiday Hill field trip.

MOTION: by Wilen, seconded by Miller to approve a donation from the Polson PTO to Polson Middle School in the amount of \$2,000 for the Grade 8 Holiday Hill field trip.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Deane to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XIII. Future Agenda Items

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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