

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 7:30 PM

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

I. Call to Order / Attendance

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Action Item: Motion to accept the resignation of Board of Education member Christine Maisano.

III. School / Community Session

III.A. Public Participation

IV. Superintendent's Report

Speaker(s): Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

IV.A. Presentation: Safety & Security (Proposed for Executive Session)

V. Board Members' Comments

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

VII. Action Item: Motion to accept a donation from the DHHS Lacrosse Boosters in the amount of \$2300 for sweatsuits for the Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team.

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

IX. Future Agenda Items

X. Adjournment

XI. The Town of Madison does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and the meeting facilities are ADA accessible. Individuals who need assistance are invited to make their needs known by contacting the Town ADA/Human Resources Director, Debra Ferrante, at 203-245-6310 or by email at ferranted@madisonct.org at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting.



Donation (Cash / Property) to the Madison Public Schools

Completion of this form is required prior to the district's consideration of a proposed donation to the Madison Public Schools. This form is to be completed in its entirety and submitted to the building principal / assistant principal, Athletic Director, or Superintendent prior to receipt of any donated goods, services, or funds. The school principal may approve gifts to a school that are valued at \$500 to \$,1000 and meet criteria established by the administrative regulations established in accordance with this policy. Donations valued in excess of \$1,000 must be approved by the Board of Education. (Reference Policy #3281)

Date Form Completed: April 2, 2025

Organization / Individual Making Donation: DHHS Lacrosse Boosters

Address: _____
(Street, city, zip)

Phone #: _____

Description of Donation / Gift and intended use: Sweatsuits for Boys Lacrosse Varsity Team

Approximate Value: \$2300.00

Recipient(s) name: Boys Lacrosse Varsity Team

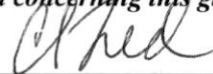
Acknowledgements: (optional)

In honor/memory of: _____

Acknowledgement Contact: _____

Acknowledgement Address: _____

This request cannot be acted up on before the building Principal / Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, or Superintendent has been consulted concerning this gift. Please provide the name/signature of the person who was consulted.

Signature of Person Consulted: 

Are there conditions of use attached to the gift/donation: Yes No

If yes, please explain conditions: _____

Are there installation, site preparation, labor, or equipment costs needed for installation, etc.? Yes No

If yes, who is responsible for the costs? _____

What is the annual maintenance cost of the donation, if any? Yes No

Are there any other additional costs to the District? Yes No

(Signature of Donor)

For Central Office Use Only

Accepted by Superintendent: _____
Signature Date

Accepted by Board of Education on: _____
Date

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 7:30 PM

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

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

Video documentation of these proceedings can be found in the Meetings/Minutes section of the website.

I. Call to Order / Attendance

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly (Zoom), Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent;

II. School / Community Session

Six members of the public spoke. Comments can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the District website.

Jim Macdonald, 17 Todds Mill Circle
Margaret Walz, 14 Lawson Drive
Beth Azeveda, 81 Silo Hill Road
Shelly Grosso, 96 Princess Drive
Heather Collins, 104 Bartlett Drive
Julia Philips, 33 Sheffield Lane

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman

Grace reported on NHS applications, trimester progress reports, and VIBE's recent success at Nationals. Brooke reported on the upcoming mental health day event, the upcoming multicultural event, and gave an update on the Nite Out of Hand planning efforts.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Student Presentation - DHHS Junior David Jacoby shared with the Board an essay he wrote in his AP Language class on the cellphones and screen time.
- Paraprofessional Appreciation Day – April 2 is paraprofessional appreciation day. Dr. Cooke thanked paras in the District for their work supporting our students.
- Communications Presentation – the communications coordinator gave a presentation on communication efforts across the District.

V. Board Members' Comments

At the start of the meeting, Mr. Klaskin notified the Board that member Christine Maisano had submitted her resignation. The Board will formally accept the resignation at the next meeting.

Board members congratulated VIBE on its recent success at Nationals.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of March 26, 2025 (None)
- Budget Expenditures as of March 26, 2025
- March 2025 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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

Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

Mr. Pynn gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the meeting. The committee heard presentations on the Grades 4/5 integrated unit design, after-school extension activities, and the CSDE assessment audit.

Facilities Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Steven Pynn, Diane Infantine-Vyce

Mrs. Rosenthal gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the meeting. The committee received a report from Facilities Director Pete Anderson on all ongoing projects in the District.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Christine Maisano, Emily Rosenthal

No report.

Personnel Committee

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

Mrs. Lewis said MAESS negotiations are ongoing.

Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce gave an overview of the policies on the agenda for action.

Policies for review, second reading:

- 2300 Hold on the Destruction of Records
- 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- 5131.914 Safe School Climate Policy
- 6070.1 Curriculum Development
 - *Then Rescind 6070.2 Curriculum*
- 6146.3 Credit for Online Courses

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Connelly gave a report on the most recent meeting.

X. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from Jon LaRiviere to the DHHS Fencing Program in the amount of \$8500 to purchase fencing equipment.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve a donation from Jon LaRiviere to the DHHS Fencing Program in the amount of \$8500 to purchase fencing equipment.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the disposal of used books and equipment.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to rescind policy 6070.2 Curriculum

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to rescind policy 6070.2 Curriculum.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,
Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: 2300 Hold on the Destruction of Records, 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention, 5131.914 Safe School Climate Policy, 6070.1 Curriculum Development, 6146.3 Credit for Online Courses

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the following policies: 2300 Hold on the Destruction of Records, 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention, 5131.914 Safe School Climate Policy, 6070.1 Curriculum Development, 6146.3 Credit for Online Courses.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,
Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,
Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce, Pynn
MOTION CARRIED: 6 – 0 – 2

XV. Future Agenda Items

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,
Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:

ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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