

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 7:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order / Attendance

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

II. School / Community Session

II.A. Public Participation

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Speaker (s): Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman

IV. Superintendent's Report

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

IV.A. School Traffic
Polson Project
Tour of Brown

V. Board Members' Comments

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

VII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

VII.A. Line Item Transfers as of September 11, 2025

VII.B. Budget Expenditures as of September 11, 2025

VII.C. Summer 2025 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

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

IX.A. Curriculum and Student Development

Speaker (s): Members: Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

IX.B. Facilities Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Steven Pynn, Diane Infantine-Vyce

IX.C. Finance Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Christine Maisano, Emily Rosenthal

IX.D. Personnel Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Maureen Lewis, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

IX.E. Policy Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Diane Infantine-Vyce, Chair; Maureen Lewis, Galen Cawley

IX.F. LEARN Liaison

Speaker (s): Mary Ann
Connelly

- X. Action Item: Designation of Standing Committee Membership (Ref. Bylaw #9450) as follows:
- Curriculum & Student Development Committee
Members: Steven Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly
 - Facilities Committee
Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair; Steven Pynn, Diane Infantine-Vyce
 - Finance Committee
Members: Galen Cawley, Chair; Anthony Paolitto, Emily Rosenthal
 - Personnel Committee
Members: Maureen Lewis, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly
 - Policy Committee
Members: Diane Infantine-Vyce, Chair; Maureen Lewis, Galen Cawley
 - LEARN Liaison
Anthony Paolitto
 - CIP
Galen Cawley and Emily Rosenthal

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the application for the CABE Board of Distinction Award

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

XIII. Future Agenda Items

XIV. Adjournment

XV. 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.

2025-2026 MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS EXPENDITURE REPORT 9.16.25

OBJECT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL		REVISED			AVAILABLE	
		APPROP	TRNFRS/ADJSMT	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	% USED
51108	51108 AP TESTING	15,000		15,000			15,000	0.00%
51109	51109 11TH COURSE STIPENDS		4,000	4,000			4,000	0.00%
51110	51110 TEACHERS	25,777,296	(135,373)	25,641,923	2,077,189	23,265,042	299,692	98.83%
51111	51111 ADMINISTRATORS	2,605,975	10,011	2,615,985	636,157	1,970,687	9,141	99.65%
51112	51112 EPED	314,893		314,893		314,893		100.00%
51113	51113 CO CURRICULAR	635,070		635,070		313,733	321,337	49.40%
51114	51114 EARLY RETIREMENT	23,577		23,577			23,577	0.00%
51116	51116 DIRECTORS / MANAGERS	419,463	12,437	431,900	229,970	205,430	(3,500)	100.81%
51120	51120 OFFICE STAFF	1,510,721	62,788	1,573,509	259,257	1,298,292	15,959	98.99%
51121	51121 INSTRUCTIONAL PARAPROFES	1,918,489	19,631	1,938,120	64,200	1,688,932	184,988	90.46%
51122	51122 CUSTODIANS	1,934,582		1,934,582	101,941	1,699,993	132,648	93.14%
51123	51123 MEDIA / TECH PARAPROFESS	300,317	29,278	329,595	39,368	284,007	6,220	98.11%
51124	51124 SECURITY / SUSPENSION	654,450		654,450	22,801	424,966	206,684	68.42%
51126	51126 SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES	402,637	(2,772)	399,865	25,618	103,160	271,087	32.21%
51128	51128 ATHLETIC TRAINER	60,392		60,392	5,752	54,640		100.00%
51129	51129 ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE	14,500		14,500			14,500	0.00%
51130	51130 THERAPISTS / OCCUP & PHY	478,279	8,850	487,129	38,970	448,159		100.00%
51210	51210 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS	666,920		666,920	78,594	327,340	260,986	60.87%
51212	51212 SUBS / SCHOOL HEALTH SER	17,000		17,000	378		16,622	2.22%
51221	51221 CLASSIFIED SUBS	15,000		15,000	2,119		12,881	14.12%
51320	51320 OVERTIME	70,638		70,638	10,631		60,007	15.05%
51321	51321 CUSTODIAL/CASUAL LABOR	42,806		42,806	9,884		32,922	23.09%
52130	52130 LIFE INSURANCE	49,200		49,200	7,406	3,922	37,872	23.03%
52200	52200 SOCIAL SECURITY	643,899		643,899	121,311		522,588	18.84%
52201	52201 MEDICARE	563,912		563,912			563,912	0.00%
52202	52202 FSA ADMINISTRATION	1,750		1,750	217		1,533	12.41%
52300	52300 PENSION-DEF BENEFIT	1,115,153		1,115,153	78,457	50,000	986,696	11.52%
52301	52301 PENSION-DEF CONTRIBUTION	94,000		94,000	12,413		81,587	13.21%
52500	52500 UNEMPLOYMENT	25,000		25,000	15,594		9,406	62.38%
52600	52600 WORKER'S COMP	236,163		236,163	135,737		100,426	57.48%
52700	52700 DISABILITY INSURANCE	65,500		65,500	9,682	5,065	50,752	22.52%
53000	53000 UNBUDGETED EXPENSE	75,000		75,000			75,000	0.00%
53101	53101 LABOR & LEGAL SVCS	120,000	(5,000)	115,000	2,488		112,512	2.16%
53222	53222 EVALUATION SERVICES	142,125	(29,585)	112,540	718	7,100	104,722	6.95%
53224	53224 STAFF DEVELOPMENT	254,566	10,068	264,634	44,440	15,872	204,322	22.79%
53225	53225 NEASC ACCREDITATION SERV	5,110		5,110			5,110	0.00%
53230	53230 STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	54,000		54,000	2,526	1,200	50,274	6.90%
53231	53231 ADULT EDUCATION	46,000		46,000	42,000		4,000	91.30%
53300	53300 PROF / TECH SVCS	1,503,619	(713)	1,502,906	582,419	674,671	245,816	83.64%
53305	53305 PROF TECH MEDICAL	35,603		35,603	2,480	1,500	31,623	11.18%

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		APPROP	TRNFRS/ADJSMT	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	% USED
54210	54210 DISPOSAL / RECYCLING	113,200		113,200	14,895	75,053	23,252	79.46%
54220	54220 STORM EVENTS	64,946		64,946		16,300	48,646	25.10%
54300	54300 REPAIRS & MAINT	548,168		548,168	322,589	(63,144)	288,724	47.33%
54307	54307 TECH / INFRASTRUCTURE	42,000		42,000		38,505	3,495	91.68%
54308	54308 PLANNED AND CYCLED MAINT	489,500		489,500	489,500			100.00%
54309	54309 EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE	50,000		50,000			50,000	0.00%
54310	54310 KITCHEN MAINTENANCE	13,401		13,401	1,014		12,387	7.57%
54313	54313 TREATMENT PLANT REPAIRS	29,000		29,000	1,759	1,241	26,000	10.34%
54320	54320 REPAIR / CONTRACTS	36,500		36,500	573	(627)	36,554	-0.15%
54330	54330 ALARM SERVICES	12,372		12,372	3,647	790	7,935	35.86%
54340	54340 TELEPHONE MAINTENANCE	14,024		14,024	1,774		12,250	12.65%
54420	54420 RENTAL AGREEMENTS	20,086		20,086	1,056	4,204	14,826	26.19%
54600	54600 TREE SERVICES	8,828		8,828			8,828	0.00%
54900	54900 PURCHASE SVCES	155		155			155	0.00%
55110	55110 STUDENT ACTIV TRANS	20,508		20,508		49	20,459	0.24%
55111	55111 REGULAR TRANSPORTATION	2,181,000		2,181,000			2,181,000	0.00%
55113	55113 FUEL / TRANSPORTATION	315,000		315,000	4,519	25,481	285,000	9.52%
55114	55114 SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSPORT	75,500		75,500		639	74,861	0.85%
55120	55120 SPED TRANSPORTATION	1,418,439		1,418,439	187,887	77,250	1,153,302	18.69%
55201	55201 GENERAL INSURANCE	350,698		350,698	298,982		51,716	85.25%
55203	55203 STUDENT INSURANCE	22,594		22,594	20,000		2,594	88.52%
55301	55301 TELECOMMUNICATIONS	160,629		160,629	21,087	94,045	45,497	71.68%
55302	55302 POSTAGE	20,159		20,159	3,077	3,772	13,311	33.97%
55303	55303 REPORTS/PUBLIC RELATIONS	4,651		4,651			4,651	0.00%
55500	55500 PRINTING & BINDING	40,560		40,560	3,017	18,250	19,293	52.43%
55501	55501 PRINTING / INSTRU SUPPLI	37,334		37,334	1,856	18,164	17,313	53.63%
55608	55608 TUITION / TYPICALS	(70,000)		(70,000)			(70,000)	0.00%
55610	55610 EXT PLACEMENTS / PUBLIC	589,232		589,232	37,693	172,000	379,539	35.59%
55630	55630 EXT PLACEMENTS / PRIVATE	1,885,542		1,885,542	321,967	1,745,083	(181,508)	109.63%
55640	55640 SCHOOL CHOICE TUITION	76,000		76,000			76,000	0.00%
55641	55641 EXTENDED YEAR SERVICES /	130,529		130,529	117,437		13,092	89.97%
55643	55643 EXT PLACEMENT/ GENERAL E	10,000		10,000			10,000	0.00%
55801	55801 TRAVEL (STAFF)	24,630		24,630	2,390	6,385	15,856	35.62%
55802	55802 TRAVEL (BOE)	320		320			320	0.00%
55900	55900 MISC PURCH SERVICES	10,850		10,850	1,280	9,080	490	95.48%
56101	56101 OFFICE SUPPLIES	39,372		39,372	5,133	5,318	28,921	26.55%
56110	56110 INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	510,763	12,411	523,174	122,877	88,618	311,679	40.43%
56111	56111 FAB LAB INSTRUCTIONAL SU	20,000		20,000	165	492	19,343	3.29%
56112	56112 STEAM	13,000		13,000		1,805	11,195	13.88%
56120	56120 INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE	54,380	5,080	59,460	41,717	13,376	4,367	92.66%

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56130	56130 CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	127,132	(1,196)	125,936	70,402	1,585	53,948	57.16%
56131	56131 MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	78,000		78,000	17,844	8,888	51,268	34.27%
56140	56140 FIELDS MAINTENANCE	112,900		112,900	30,215	26,351	56,334	50.10%
56206	56206 GAS SERVICES	235,068		235,068	13,579	(119)	221,609	5.73%
56210	56210 WATER	49,875		49,875	4,353		45,522	8.73%
56220	56220 ELECTRICITY	1,028,480		1,028,480	152,792	2,778	872,911	15.13%
56260	56260 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	21,672		21,672	1,037	2	20,632	4.80%
56410	56410 TEXTBOOKS & REPLACEMENT	43,122		43,122	9,856	6,283	26,982	37.43%
56411	56411 TEXTBOOKS / NEW	36,500		36,500			36,500	0.00%
56420	56420 AWARDS	3,800		3,800			3,800	0.00%
56421	56421 MEDIA SUPPLIES	26,971		26,971	816	134	26,021	3.52%
56422	56422 PERIODICALS	24,663		24,663	2,870	11,886	9,907	59.83%
56423	56423 PRINT COLLECTION	154,000		154,000	5,055	(5,055)	154,000	0.00%
56550	56550 STAFF UNIFORMS	5,258	1,196	6,454	6,454			100.00%
56551	56551 UNIFORMS / STUDENT GROUP	29,000		29,000		29,000		100.00%
56900	56900 SUPPLIES	42,983	1,800	44,783	23,005	(7,276)	29,054	35.12%
56902	56902 PROGRAM SUPPLIES	25,000		25,000			25,000	0.00%
57301	57301 EQUIPMENT	192,928		192,928	90,013	25,102	77,812	59.67%
57302	57302 OS SOFTWARE	359,840		359,840	180,261	16,087	163,492	54.57%
57303	57303 EQUIP - LEASE/PURCHASE	39,120		39,120	32,710		6,410	83.61%
57304	57304 COMPUTER HARDWARE	542,700		542,700	245,377	188,989	108,334	80.04%
57400	57400 PUBLIC SAFETY	6,623		6,623	98		6,525	1.48%
58100	58100 DUES, FEES & MEMBSHPS	99,878	(2,911)	96,967	61,937	16,672	18,358	81.07%
Grand Total		55,577,986		55,577,986	7,880,022	35,820,227	11,877,737	78.63%

Madison Board of Education			
BOE Meeting Date:		Reporting Period:	06/01/25 - 08/29/25
New Hires / Reappointments			
First Name	Last Name	Position	Location
Ariana	Fiondella	PreK Teacher	Brown
Mark	Imbriglio	Custodian	Facilities
Ismael	Rey	Custodian	Facilities
Matthew	O'Donnell	Tech Support Specialist	District
Celeste	de Sevigne	Instructional ParaEducator	Neck River
Kiley	Russell	Instructional ParaEducator	Neck River
Samantha	Berrios	Building Substitute	Brown
Kaylee	Williams	Building Substitute	Neck River
Kayla	Lepre	Special Assignment ParaEducator	Neck River
Payton	Papa	Building Substitute	Neck River
Maureen	Kapij	Social Worker	DHHS
Amy	Sutherland	Instructional ParaEducator	Neck River
Ablondi-Olivo	Lauren	English Teacher	DHHS
Emma	Kraner	Long-Term Substitute English Teacher	DHHS
Tatiana	Vieira Buzzoni	Instructional Para	Neck River
Victor	Morales	Custodian	Facilities
Sarah	Swann	Health / PE Teacher	DHHS
Aaron	Fliss	Director, Administrative Services	District
Andreia	Mendonca	Art Teacher	DHHS
Catherine	Hussey	Instructional ParaEducator	Brown
Emily	Van Kirk	Instructional ParaEducator	Brown
Reassignments / Transfers / Rehires			
First Name	Last Name	Position	Location
John	Gage	Performing Arts Prog. Coord.	DHHS
Lindsay	Bernsten	Building Based Substitute	Brown
Beth	Shea	Health Aide	DHHS
Matthew	Torre	Head Custodian	Neck River
Kristy	Hynes	Special Assignment Para	DHHS
Edward	Carroll	Special Assignment Para	DHHS
Cara	Biega	Instructional Para	Neck River
Nicole	Gorman	Pre-Kindergarten Teacher	Brown
Haley	Bracken	Music Teacher	Polson
Lauren	Warner	SPED Program Coordinator	Brown
Lindsay	Bernsten	Grade 1 Teacher	Brown
Retirements / Resignations / Separations			

Staff Report for BOE 2025-26

First Name	Last Name	Position	Location
Richard	Cardoza	Custodian	Facilities
Benjamin	Schreiber	Social Worker	DHHS
Andrea	Creaser	Instructional Para	Brown
Patricia	Drake	Health Aide	DHHS
Elizabeth	Baird	Instructional Para	Neck River
Ciro	Falanga	RBT	Brown
Shay	Toohey	Instructional Para	Brown
Julia	Courchesne	Instructional Para	Brown
Mikayla	Vitale	Instructional Para	Neck River
Aidan	Maloney	Special Assignment Para	Polson
Joelle	Tobin	English Teacher	DHHS
Margot	Doraz	Instructional Para	Neck River
Denise	Tondalo	Head Custodian	Neck River
Brian	Gouin	Health Teacher	DHHS
Andrew	Lunn	Building Substitute	Brown
Angela	Milone	PreK Teacher	Brown
Leah	Stillman	Music Teacher	Polson
Kelsey	Joslyn	SPED Program Coordinator	Brown
Sarah	Raynold	Art Teacher	DHHS
Tess	Peterson	Special Assignment Para	Polson
Amy	Paradiso	Special Assignment Para	Polson
Samantha	Hasenbalg	Special Assignment Para	DHHS

CABE Board Recognition Awards

Board Leadership Award and Board of Distinction Award

CABE believes that Boards of Education and Superintendents which exhibit the most effective leadership are characterized by their ability to work together as "teams." The **CABE Board Recognition Awards** are designed to recognize Boards which work effectively in this manner. Boards which fulfill 22 of the following 37 Level One criteria, including a minimum of three in each area, will earn the Level One **CABE Board Leadership Award**.

In order to appropriately recognize those Boards which are truly exemplary, CABE has now established a second level of awards, the **Board of Distinction Award**. Only Boards which have achieved Level One distinction at least twice in the prior four years are eligible to receive the **Board of Distinction Award**.

Please respond to the criteria requested on this form and send your information, with supporting data, to CABE when you believe your Board has earned a Leadership Award or a Board of Distinction Award. If you have any questions, need further information, or require help in satisfying any of the criteria, please contact us for assistance.

Deadline for submission is: **Friday, October 3, 2025**

REQUIRED CRITERIA

1. Board Leadership/Student Achievement

Level One (minimum of three)

- A. The Board has developed district goals for this year. **(provide copy of goals)**
- B. The Board has conducted a self-evaluation and developed a plan for improvement in the past 12 months. **(provide copy of plan or descriptive narrative)**
- C. The Board has conducted a superintendent evaluation in past 12 months.
- D. The Board monitors its performance against a Board of Education code of conduct. **(provide copy of code)**
- E. The Board has conducted meetings pursuant to Board policy.
- F. The Board has established a calendar to ensure all responsibilities are conducted in timely manner. **(provide copy of meeting calendar)**
- G. The Board ensures that student voice is part of its decision-making process. **(provide bylaws that allow for student voice)**
- H. The Board models civil discourse while conducting Board business. (provide examples)
- I. The Board conducts orientation for new Board members. **(provide agenda or bylaws)**
- D. The Board uses data to make informed decisions regarding student achievement. **(provide examples)**
- E. The Board addresses issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. **(provide examples)**

Level Two (minimum of three)

- A. The Board of Education works to improve student achievement. **(provide description)**
- B. The Board relates the mission statement and goals to agenda items. **(provide examples)**
- C. The Board supports the appropriate use of technology in educational programming. **(provide examples)**
- A. A majority of Board members have taken part in workshops or other in-service training during the last year. **(provide list of workshops and/or in-service training)**
- B. The Board provides adequate funds to permit Board members to take part in training. **(provide budget or listing for Board professional development)**
- C. A majority of the Board attended the CABE/CAPSS Convention in the last 12 months. **(provide list of Convention participants)**
- D. A majority of the Board participated in the CABE Board Member Academy in the last 12 months. **(provide list of programs and board members who attended)**
- E. The Board has used a CABE facilitator or other outside group for Board workshop/retreat in last 12 months. **(provide agenda)**
- F. New Board members are provided orientation, including attending CABE New Board Member Orientation. **(provide list of 2024-2025 participants)**
- G. The Board has participated in professional development about issues of diversity, equity and inclusion. **(provide a list of workshops and provider)**

CABE Board Recognition Awards

Board Leadership Award and Board of Distinction Award

Level Two (minimum of two)

- A. The Board has developed district goals and reviews them on a regular basis. **(provide examples)**
- B. The Board has incorporated Board professional development into policy. **(provide examples)**
- C. The Board holds a retreat outside of a regular meeting with a component offering professional development. **(provide copy of agendas)**

3. Policy

Level One (minimum of three)

- A. The Board has developed and adhered to procedure for policy review. **(provide procedure)**
- B. The Board has a regular process for reviewing policies every three years.
- C. The Board uses CABE or a similar policy update service to ensure that policies remain current.
- D. The Board has adopted all required policies.
- E. The Board has reviewed appropriate policies as law and regulations have changed.
- F. The Board relies on policies as "living documents," by referring to them at Board meetings or in Board agendas.
- G. The Board provides the district policy manual in a searchable online version. **(provide URL)**
- H. The Board has a Code of Ethics. **(provide Code of Ethics)**

Level Two (minimum of three)

- A. The Board relates applicable agenda items to appropriate policies. **(provide sample agendas that show this practice)**
- B. Policy discussions are a regular part of Board meetings. **(provide agendas where this takes place)**
- C. The Board has adopted a policy addressing diversity equity, and inclusion. **(provide policy)**
- D. The Board has adopted a policy on civility. **(provide policy)**

4. Community Relations

Level One (minimum of three)

- A. The Board has clear, written policies on Community-Board Relations. **(provide copy)**
- B. The Board provides opportunities for appropriate participation at meetings by members of the community. **(provide copies of two recent agendas)**
- C. The Board seeks active community involvement with the schools. **(provide examples)**
- D. The Board demonstrates cooperation with news media. **(describe)**

- E. The Board promotes the school system to the public. **(provide copies of information disseminated)**
- F. The Board disseminates information to the public on its decisions in a unified, timely manner. **(provide copy of information provided)**

Level Two (minimum of two)

- A. The Board sponsored a community-wide discussion of issues (courageous conversations, community conversations, CABE Equity Toolkit, etc.) during the past year. **(provide agenda and report the end results of the program)**
- B. The Board has successfully worked with other community leaders. **(provide description and/or supporting documentation)**
- C. The Board works with the community's local cable access channel. **(provide description)**
- D. The Board works with other Boards of Education. **(provide description)**

5. Related Organizational Leadership

Level One (minimum of three)

- A. A Board member serves on the CABE Board of Directors. **(provide name)**
- B. One or more Board members are active participants in the Convention Committee, CABE Government Relations Committee, Resolutions Committee or Federal Relations Network. **(provide name(s))**
- C. One or more Board members actively serve on a RESC Board. **(provide name(s) and RESC)**
- D. One or more Board members participated in the NSBA Convention, CUBE or other NSBA-sponsored activity in the last 12 months. **(provide name(s))**
- E. One or more Board members have participated in the CABE Delegate Assembly or Day-on-the-Hill in last 12 months. **(provide name(s))**
- F. The Board has submitted a resolution to CABE for consideration by the CABE Delegate Assembly in last two years. **(provide resolution(s))**
- G. The Board ensures that all collective bargaining agreements and the superintendent's contract are sent in a timely manner to CABE's Negotiations Service. **(provide date information sent)**

CABE Board Recognition Awards

Board Leadership Award and Board of Distinction Award

To be eligible for the Board of Distinction Award, a motion must be made at a board meeting to approve the application. If the majority votes in favor, the Board Chair and Superintendent should sign below (***please attach minutes***).

_____	_____
Board Chair	Date
_____	_____
Superintendent	Date

CABE Board Recognition Awards 2025

Madison Public Schools Board of Education

1. Board Leadership/Student Achievement (Level Two)

- A. The Board annually reviews a variety of student performance metrics and funds interventions when necessary.
- C. The Board has adopted policies regulating the use of district-issued and personal technology in the classroom: [#5090.9 Use of Private Technology Devices by Students](#), [#5210 Student Use of the District's Computer Systems and Internet Safety](#)
- D. Examples: [Academic Results presentation](#) to the BOE, Sept. 17, 2024; [Data Collection & Visualization presentation](#) to the BOE on Oct. 8, 2024

2. Board Member Professional Development (Level 2)

- B. Policy on professional development: [#9820.1 Board Member Conferences, Conventions, and Workshops](#)
- C. Fall 2024 Retreat [Agenda](#) & [Minutes](#)

3. Policy (Level Two)

- A. Agenda examples:
<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/2416?meeting=692142>
<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/2416?meeting=649709>
- B. Agenda examples:
<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/2416?meeting=662437>
<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/2416?meeting=666403>
- D. Policy [#9300 Code of Conduct for Board Members](#)

4. Community Relations (Level Two)

- B. The Board works with the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to produce a Capital Improvement Program that strategically funds both school and town capital projects while minimizing impact to the taxpayer.
<https://www.madisonct.org/592/Capital-Improvement-Program-Committee>
- C. The Board provides the local cable access channel recordings of all board meetings within 24 hours for broadcast on the local cable access channel.
- D. The Board chair is a CABE area leader, we attend legislative breakfasts and other regional board events, board members regularly communicate with board members in other towns regarding shared local issues.

5. Related Organizational Leadership (Level Two)

- B. legislative breakfast Fall 2024 invite: Attached
- C. The Board worked with its local legislators to increase state reimbursement for the new school construction project:
<https://www.madison.k12.ct.us/district/renewal/renewal-process-updates/madison-to-receive-increased-state-reimbursement-for-new-school-construction>

Essay Question:

Please tell us what, in your opinion, makes your Board's leadership especially effective in improving student achievement.

This board is effective in improving student achievement because it makes data-driven decisions. The Board receives annual reports on assessment results and school climate. The Board listens to the administration's plan to improve results. When appropriate, the Board funds interventions to improve assessment results through the addition of coaches and test prep resources and to improve school climate through the addition of social workers.



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Fwd: REVISED - 2025 CAFE Area 8 Legislative Breakfast

2 messages

From: Gail Heath <noreply@cabe.myenotice.com>
Date: Nov 7, 2024 at 4:50 PM
To: Cookec <cookec@madison.k12.ct.us>
Subject: REVISED - 2025 CAFE Area 8 Legislative Breakfast

Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 9:29 AM



CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF EDUCATION

*CAFE Area 8 Co-Directors Lindsay Dahlheimer, Seth Klaskin and
Kim Walker*

invite you to a Legislative Breakfast on

December 19, 2024

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Westbrook High School- Library
[156 McVeagh Road](#)
[Westbrook, CT 06498](#)

Please [click here](#) to register online.

Please [click here](#) for directions.

*Legislators please RSVP directly to gheath@cabe.org

This is an opportunity for legislators, superintendents and school board members to discuss education issues.

Note: If Westbrook schools are delayed or closed the event is canceled.

**CABE AREA 8
INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TOWNS**

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Cromwell
Deep River
East Haddam
East Hampton

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Guilford
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Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 2025 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 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Seth Klaskin. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Dr. Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools; Peter Anderson, Director of Facilities; Stacy Nobitz, Director of Finance

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Opening of School – Dr. Cooke said we had an exciting first day of school under our new four school configuration. He said transportation in the morning went well. The afternoon was more of a challenge but he expects things will improve as the week goes on. He said there was a lot of excitement across the District.
- 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Program – Dr. Cooke reviewed the proposed 2026-2027 CIP requests.
- Class of 2026 Graduation Date: June 17, 2026 – Dr. Cooke announced the graduation date for the Class of 2026 as Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

IV. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin congratulated everyone on the opening of school and the work that had been done over the summer. Mr. Cawley congratulated the District for bringing the Neck River building project in on time and under budget. Mr. Pynn remarked on the amount of curriculum writing that took place over the summer. Mrs. Rosenthal said Convocation was a great event.

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

No members of the public spoke.

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

Curriculum and Student Development

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

No report.

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 evening. She said the committee reviewed the work done over the summer and the 2026-2027 CIP requests.

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Emily Rosenthal

No report.

Personnel Committee

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

No report.

Policy Committee

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

No report.

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

Town Facilities Committee

Seth Klaskin

Mr. Klaskin gave a report on the Town facilities committee.

VII. Action Item: Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Plan as amended.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the DHHS Boys Soccer Boosters to the Varsity Boys Soccer Team in the amount of \$2,500 for jerseys.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Lewis to approve a donation from the DHHS Boys Soccer Boosters to the Varsity Boys Soccer Team in the amount of \$2,500 for jerseys.

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

NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the DHHS Girls Soccer Boosters to the Varsity Girls Soccer Team in the amount of \$2,500 for alternate uniforms.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve a donation from the DHHS Girls Soccer Boosters to the Varsity Girls Soccer Team in the amount of \$2,500 for alternate uniforms.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the Jeffrey School PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$17,750 for picnic tables and buddy benches.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve a donation from the Jeffrey School PTO to Neck River Elementary School in the amount of \$17,750 for picnic tables and buddy benches.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Paolitto, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XI. Action item: Motion to approve a donation from the Brown School PTO to Brown Elementary School in the amount of \$31,830 for a playground communication board and to cover field trips for all students for the year.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to a donation from the Brown School PTO to Brown Elementary School in the amount of \$31,830 for a playground communication board and to cover field trips for all students for the year.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Connelly to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIII. Future Agenda Items

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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