Board of Education Minutes

June 24, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in hybrid format on June 24, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM. Present were Mr. Stefanowicz, Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Mello, Dr. Towle-Weicksel. Mr. Burdick was present virtually. Also, in attendance were Mr. Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools, and Kathy Trammell, Business Manager. Mr. Austin was absent from this meeting.

1. **Call to Order**
   - Mrs. Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

   Motion to move Public Comment to 6.a. Moving superintendent report to 6.b., and Chair report to 6.c., move 8.c. To 12-c in Executive Session, new 8.c. Business Manager Services proposal. Motion made by Mrs. Main and seconded by Dr. Towle-Weicksel.

   This motion carried unanimously.
   Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

3. **Correspondence**

   Communications to the Superintendent or Board of Education that are intended for inclusion on a meeting agenda or to be read publicly as correspondence should clearly indicate that intent in writing at the time of submission.

   - Correspondence was read regarding the social studies curriculum.

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   - No correspondence was presented.

5. **Presentations**
   a. **Social Studies Curriculum - presented by Rob Cillino**

6. **Public Comment**

Please be advised that our meeting structure does not allow for two-way dialogue during public Comment, but the Board uses this information to guide their decision-making. Depending on the topic, they may ask the Superintendent or another District employee to follow up with you. Likewise, public comments might lead to a topic being added to a future meeting agenda.

- There was public comment regarding social studies curriculum.

7. **Reports**
    a. **Superintendent**
        - Superintendent Hopkins reflected on his time serving the district.

    b. **Board Chair Report**
        - Mrs. Wagner reported to be in communication with Superintendent Hopkins, incoming Superintendent Dr. Rose, and Business Manager Kathy Trammell regarding the upcoming transition.

8. **Old Business**
    a. **Tuition Rates**

Motion to adopt option A for North Stonington Schools projected tuition rates. Motion made by Mrs. Main and seconded by Mr. Stefanowicz

This motion carries by unanimous decision.
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

    b. **Meal Prices**

Motion to increase lunch rates by $0.40 for next school year. Motion made by Mr. Stefanowicz and seconded by Mr. Burdick.

This motion carries by unanimous decision.
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

    c. **Business Manager Services Proposal**

Motion to approve the Business Manager Proposal. Motion made by Mr. Stefanowicz and seconded by Mrs. Main.

This motion carries by unanimous decision.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

d. Resource Officer

- No update

9. New Business

a. Appointment of Dr. Jeanine Rose

i. ECHMC-Eastern Connecticut Health and Medical Cooperative

Motion to appoint Dr. Jeanine Rose to the ECHMC-Eastern Connecticut Health and Medical Cooperative. Motion made by Mr. Stefanowicz and seconded by Mrs. Main.

This motion carries by unanimous decision.
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

b. Non-lapsing Account Update and Expenses

i. ViewSonic Boards

- Mrs. Main provides an update of the Non-lapsing account.
    - Current committed funds are $59.584
    - End of year projection, approximately $148,630
    - First DRIP Grant, $58,024 intended for stage lighting

Motion to approve up to $28,000 out of non-lapsing for use for interactive whiteboards. Motion made by Mr. Stefanowicz and seconded by Mrs. Main.

This motion carries by unanimous decision.
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

- Kathy Trammell to begin the RFP process for stage lighting.

Motion to approve up to $62,000 out of non-lapsing pending funds to match with the $58,000 to spend up to $120,000 for stage lighting. Motion made by Mr. Stefanowicz and seconded by Mrs. Mello.

This motion carries by unanimous decision.
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

ii. **Policy**

c. **Policy 3515 – Use of Facilities**

10. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Approval of Minutes**

i. **06/03/2026 Minutes**

Motion to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from 06/03/2026 and move the financials to the Board of Finance. Motion made by Mr. Stefanowicz and seconded by Mrs. Main.

This motion carries by unanimous decision.
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

11. **BOE Comments for Future Agenda Items**

- Update on Cub Club
- Survey Results

Motion to move Public Comment before executive session. Motion made by Mr. Stefanowicz and seconded by Mrs. Main.

This motion carries by unanimous decision.
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

12. **Public Comment**

- There was no public comment

Motion to enter executive session. Motion made by Mrs. Main and seconded by Mr. Stefanowicz.

This motion carries by unanimous decision.
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

13. **Executive Session**

a. **Paraeducator and Custodial/Maintenance Contract**

b. **Superintendent Exit Interview**
c. **Goal Setting with Dr. Rose**

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mrs. Main and seconded by Mrs. Mello.

This motion carries by unanimous decision.
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, (Mr. Austin)

- Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.