

**CHAPLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHAPLIN, CONNECTICUT
Chaplin Elementary School Library
April 8th, 2026
6:30 PM**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:34 pm by Jaclyn Chancey

Board Members in attendance: William Hooper, Jaclyn Chancey (chair), Gene Boomer, Victor Boomer, Hayley Albert, Diana Alvarez

Also in attendance: Superintendent Skarzynski and Principal Chavez

2. Audience for Citizens

None.

3. Approval of Minutes and Financial Statements
 - a. Approval of Minutes – March 18th, 2025

*Motion to approve by Eugene Boomer, 2nd by Diana Alvarez
Unanimous approval*

- b. Approval of Financial Statements – March 2026

*Motion to approve by William Hooper, 2nd by Diana Alvarez
Unanimous approval*

4. Administrative reports
 - a. Monthly report

Ann Kaufman provided a verbal report on behalf of the teachers. IT provided a written report. Many tech items are due to be replaced or have broken recently. Student behavior has been difficult this month. Family Engagement Night was a reading night. Library has been teaching 4th graders about Jumanji and author Chris Van Allsburg. May 14th will be Night at the Movies, 6pm. Chaplin Road Race will be Saturday June 6th, 2026.

b. Principal's report

Principal Chavez provided a report. Absences remain lower than previous years despite a seemingly many illnesses moving through the school. Three (3) In school suspensions during March. Assessment audit results discussed. Applying for some professional development opportunities. Climate Improvement Plan being implemented. Creating a survey and comparing to CT Climate studies. Student negative behavioral escalation has been reported nationwide and most schools are reporting an increase in challenges. PreK has been very busy. Currently putting together an annual report. PreK playground maintenance occurring. NAEYC reaccreditation procedures. NAEYC will be visiting in spring and again in the fall or winter.

c. Superintendent's report

State instituting an updated school readiness program called Early Start CT. CABA conference topics. Local communities working together to share resources between districts. Senate Bill 298 signed in March and has some points pertaining to school. Kindergarten waiver has returned choice to the districts. Working group established for antisemitism in schools. Codified having a BOE member at all negotiations. Prioritizing student mental health around school shooting drills. Building Survey conducted and will provide a suggested repair timeline. Parish Hill High School putting on a play "Almost, Maine" Friday April 10th, 2026. An unexpected out of district placement has impacted budget significantly.

5. Old business/new business

a. Discussion and Possible Action: Updated FY 25-26 Budget Line Items – submitted by Jobina Miller

\$2,000.00 from 100110 Substitutes-Regular move to Substitutes 1210110

\$6,000.00 from 2150336 OT/PT Services move to 2150335 Speech & Language Service

\$5,000.00 from generated income unanticipated move to 2330302 Legal Services

\$2,000.00 from generated income unanticipated to 2600430 Equip Maint Bldg & Grounds

\$5,000.00 from generated income unanticipated move to 2600434 Maintenance Bldg & Grounds

Motion to approve Victor Boomer, 2nd by William Hooper. Vote to approve unanimous.

b. Discussion and Action on final date of school

5 Snow days so far this year. Proposing to drop of the final 2 days for students and making them PD days. Proposed final day of school Thursday June 18th, 2026.

Victor Boomer made a motion, 2nd by William Hooper. Vote to approve unanimous.

c. Tentative approval of Policies:

- 3520.13 “Student Data Protection and Privacy/Cloud-Based Issues”

Motion to approve by Victor Boomer. 2nd by Diana Alvarez. Unanimous Approval.

- 3541 “Transportation”

Motion to approve by Victor Boomer. 2nd by Diana Alvarez. Unanimous Approval.

6. Committee Reports

a. Policy Committee

- i. Met this past month and put forth the tentative policies.

b. Central Office Committee

- i. Have met this month and will be evaluating Superintendent Skarzynski in the coming months via executive session.
- ii. Budget passed for COC

c. Negotiations Committee

- i. No negotiations currently taking place

d. Curriculum Committee – *will begin after budget season*

7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Superintendent Presentation
- b. Update on FY26-27 Budget

8. Adjournment at 7:49pm. William Hooper made a motion, Diana Alvarez seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Hayley Tiller-Albert