

**CHAPLIN, HAMPTON, SCOTLAND
AND REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026-2027
BUDGET**

Parish Hill Library

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 7:01 pm by Chair Stacy Foster

Board Members in Attendance – Stacey Foster, Ellen Gillon, Susan Lovegreen, Michael Smardon, Joy Becker, Cassidy Martin

Not in attendance – Steph Bayne, Camden Kammer

Also in attendance – Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, Principal Tom McKenna, Business Manager Jobina Miller

2. Nomination of Moderator

Michael Smardon nominated Stacy Foster to be moderator. Cassidy Martin seconded. Vote to approve unanimous.

3. Presentation of Budget

A brief budget presentation was given by Superintendent Skarzynski and Business Manager Jobina Miller. Increases to the budget are mainly driven by rising special education costs, transportation, and contract required salary increases.

4. Public Hearing on 2026-2027 Budget

Jen Nelson, Scotland – Asked the business manager Jobina about the most recent reduction in funding to the region by ECS. Superintendent Skarzynski shared that the Governor had announced increases in funding to the region which would be divided between municipality and schools.

Jeremiah Rufini, Chaplin – Asked if the grant increase announced by the Governor would be earmarked just to the Elementary school or if some will be sent to RD11 as well. Business manager Jobina Miller and Superintendent Skarzynski shared that ECS funding goes to the elementary school but a portion of the funding will go to RD11.

5. Adjournment at 7:31pm

Cassidy Martin moved to adjourn to referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 for the following purpose:

To act upon the Proposed Budget for the District’s fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, which was adopted by the Board of Education on April 7, 2026 and to appropriate the sums estimated and set forth in said Budget to the purpose indicated. A vote of “Yes” or “No” shall be taken on the following question: “Shall the sum of \$7,508,150 be appropriated for the operation and maintenance of the Regional District 11 School System for July 1st, 2026 through June 30th, 2027?”

Voting will be in the following polling places:

- Town of Chaplin:
Chaplin Volunteer Fire Department
106 Phoenixville Road, Chaplin CT
- Town of Hampton:
Community Room at Town Hall
164 Main St, Hampton, CT
- Town of Scotland:
Scotland Volunteer Fire Department
47 Brook Rd, Scotland, CT

Polls shall be open from 12:00 noon until 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots will be available in the office of the town clerk in Chaplin, Hampton, and Scotland during their regular office hours.

Seconded by Michael Smardon. Unanimous approval.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Hayley Tiller-Albert