

**REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Chaplin, Connecticut**

November 18, 2025

7:00PM

Parish Hill Middle/High School Library

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Cassidy Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Members in attendance: Michael Smardon, Cassidy Martin, Joy Becker, Hayley Tiller-Albert, Ellen Gillon, Susan Lovegreen

Also Present: Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski

Members not in attendance: Stacy Foster, Steph Bayne, Camden Kammer

2. Communication with the Audience

No communication

3. Written Communications to the Board

Invitation from the Chair of the Board of Education in Scotland to a Regional Meeting of Board Members.

4. Presentation of CAPSS Student-Leader Awards

Grade 8 - Madeline Lambeck & Giovanni Welker

Grade 12 - Madelyn Woodward & Andrew Landolphi

5. Approval of October 21, 2025 Region 11 BOE Minutes

Discussion – correction needed for name of student representative. Reid instead of Reed.

Joy Becker made a motion to approve/ Ellen Gillon seconded.

Ellen Gillon, Cassidy Martin, Michael Smardon, Joy Becker, and Hayley Tiller- Albert approved. Susan Lovegreen abstained.

6. Approval of Financial Statements – October 2025

- i. Budget Forecast—FY 25-26 -Jobina Miller reported.*

Michael Smardon made a motion to approve/ Susan Lovegreen seconded. Unanimous approval.

7. Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action

A. Student

Student Representatives Allison Butts and Chloe Reid provided a report. Prom venue picked – St Clements Castle.

B. Teacher

No report.

C. Principal

Provided via Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski. PSATs administered in October. Halloween Blood Drive 14 pints of blood which saves 42 lives, Harvest Craft Fair, Gym floor repairs have begun. December band concert postponed to January. Veterans Luncheon had 39 guests.

D. Superintendent

Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski provided a report. HVAC, AI Advisory Group, Curriculum Review committee as it needs to be published to the website. Resignation of one paraprofessional. Gym floor estimated to be completed in 2.5 weeks.

15. Old Business/New Business

A. Report by PHACT/PTSA

Joy Becker provided a report. Received \$3000 grant for grief in counseling area. Reflections program admissions due next week. Trunk or Treat huge success. Spring Fling May 2nd.

B. Discussion of school district curriculum committee

Reviewing the scope and sequence of current curriculum will possibly be approving future courses. Susan Lovegreen, Michael Smardon, Cassidy Martin volunteered. Hayley Tiller-Albert tentative dependent on CES Curriculum Group schedule.

C. Discussion and Possible Action Board approval tuition rates

Jobina is recommending tuition be set at 3% of the yearly budget, landing around \$8000. Will provide an exact number for next meeting.

D. Discussion on 2026-2027 Public Outreach

Regarding the budget and how can we help the community understand, as well as disseminate correct information. Email blast, newsletter, facebook responses, filmed video, developing a media presence, WINY and WILI interviews. Chloe Reid suggested a region wide meeting with students involved to answering community questions. A zoom link for meetings suggested by Susan Lovegreen. Offer childcare and food. Have alumni get involved. RD11 facebook page.

16. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action

A. Fiscal & Plant-

i. Did not meet this past month.

B. Educational and Board Policies

i. Meeting 12/10/25

C. Central Office

i. Met and discussed Superintendent Evaluation

D. Technology/Website

i. To be scheduled. Updated landing page.

E. Personnel and Supervision

i. in the process of scheduling.

F. Newsletter

i. Met and are in final stages of newsletter

G. CABA/EASTCONN

- i. *Meeting tonight. Conference is this weekend. Cassidy Martin has been asked to be the Regional Area for CABA.*

17. Second Audience for Citizens

Kelli MacGillivray Asking if Board members would like to be included on Parent square text notification system. Snow cancellations, announcements, could push notices for Board Meetings. Regional Board Meeting 12/3/25 at 5pm at Scotland Elementary.

18. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

A. Tuition rates

B. Russell Blair from FOI Commission

C. Draft School Calendar for FY 2026-2027

19. Adjournment at 8:05pm.

Michael Smardon made a motion/ Second by Susan Lovegreen. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Hayley Tiller-Albert