

**REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Parish Hill Middle/High School Library  
Chaplin, Connecticut  
March 24th, 2026  
7:00pm

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order at 7:04 pm by Stacy Foster and Pledge of Allegiance

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

*Also Present: Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, Principal McKenna*

*Members not in attendance: Steph Bayne, Camden Kammer, Michael Smardon*

2. Communication with the Audience

*No audience communication.*

3. Written Communications to the Board

*A letter was received regarding a staffing issue. Board members have been made aware of the letter but due to its nature cannot be read in open session.*

4. Approval of February 17, 2026, Region 11 BOE Minutes

*Motion by Ellen Gillon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cassidy Martin. Susan Lovegreen and Stacy Foster abstain. Remaining members vote to approve.*

5. Approval of Financial Statements – February 2026

*Motion by Ellen Gillon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cassidy Martin. Unanimous approval.*

- i. Budget Forecast—FY 25-26

*Jobina Miller provided a brief report on the monthly changes to the budget.*

6. Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action

- A. Student

*No students available to provide a report.*

- B. Teacher

*No teacher available to provide a report.*

- C. Principal

*Principal McKenna provided a report. Discussed the recent blood drive, Pi Day, and the beginning of sports seasons. Empty Bowl fundraiser raised \$2200 for Helping*

*Hands and the Willimantic Soup Kitchen. National Honor Society awards. Field trip for women in manufacturing. Parent Teacher Conferences. April 8<sup>th</sup> capstone fair.*

D. Superintendent

*Superintendent Skarzynski provided a report. CABA conference. Short legislative session. Lobbying to increase ECS base formula. Senate bill 298 passed and has a handful of things relevant to schools starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Addressing Muslim studies, antisemitism in education. Seal of Civics education. Change to reserve fund usage. Non-lapsing funds can be used for educational umbrella items. Changes to expulsion laws. Changes to laws regarding active shooter drills, aims to increase safety in schools.*

8. Old Business/New Business

A. Report by PHACT/PTSA

*Spring Fling Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-4. Bouncy Houses. Officer elections coming up.*

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Initial Budget

*Cassidy Martin made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 proposed budget for the Region 11 Board of Education in the amount of \$7,508,150, a 3.19% increase. Ellen Gillon seconded the motion.*

*Unanimous approval. (6 Y, 0 N, 0 Abstentions)*

C. Tentative Approval of Board Policies:

i. 5123.3 - Graduation Ceremonies (Participation)

*Motion by Cassidy Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joy Becker. Unanimous approval. Final approval is to take place at next meeting.*

ii. 6146 - Graduation Requirements

*Motion by Cassidy Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellen Gillon. Unanimous approval. Final approval is to take place at next meeting.*

iii. 7100 - New Construction (Planning)

*Motion by Ellen Gillon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Lovegreen. Unanimous approval. Final approval is to take place at next meeting.*

9. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action

A. Fiscal & Plant

*Met 3/24/2026 prior to this meeting.*

B. Educational and Board Policies

*Met 3/11/2026. Will not meet in April.*

C. Central Office

*Meeting 3/25/2026.*

D. Technology/Website

*TBD.*

E. Personnel and Supervision

*Currently working through negotiations for paraprofessionals, then secretaries.*

F. Newsletter

*Will be meeting 4/1/2026.*

G. CABE/EASTCONN

*CABE Meeting regionally with local school boards. Discussed shared services and current legislative session. Creating a database of district strengths to help each other out.*

10. Second Audience for Citizens

*Mark Cole, a teacher at Parish Hill, mentioned an upcoming theater production in April. Flyers to follow.*

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

*a. Final approval of policies 5123.3, 6146, and 7100.*

*b. Move PHACT/PTSA report to administrative reports section of agenda.*

*c. Final approval of 2026-2027 RD11 budget.*

*d. Discussion and action on final date of school.*

12. Adjournment

*Hayley Albert made a motion to adjourn at 7:58pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cassidy Martin. Unanimous approval.*

Respectfully submitted,

Hayley Tiller-Albert