

REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chaplin, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2026

7:00PM

Parish Hill Middle/High School Library

Present: Susan Lovegreen, Stacy Foster, Mike Smardon, Stephanie Bayne, Joy Becker, Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski, Business Manager Jobina Miller

Absent: Camden Kammer, Ellen Gillon, Cassidy Martin, Hayley Albert,

1. 7:11 PM Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Communication with the Audience
 - a. Kathy Donahue – Annual Report Requested
3. Written Communications to the Board
4. Motion to subsection item 8A to the agenda into items a & b, as follows: (a.) Discussion and Approval of the RD 11 26-27 Budget and (b.) Discussion and Action on Method of Voting for Adoption of Budget.

Motion	Mike Smardon
Second	Susan Lovegreen
Result	Unanimous
5. Approval of March 24, 2026, Region 11 BOE Minutes
 - a. Correct Mike Smardon not in attendance.

Motion	Mike Smardon
Second	Joy Becker
Aye	Susan Lovegreen, Stacy Foster, Joy Becker
Nay	None
Abstain	Stephanie Bayne, Mike Smardon
Result	Passed
6. Approval of Financial Statements – March 2026 Budget Forecast—FY 25-26 -Jobina Miller

Motion	Joy Becker
Second	Susan Lovegreen
Nay	None
Abstain	Stephanie Bayne, Mike Smardon
Result	Passed
7. Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action
 - A. Student Chloe Reid
 - a. Capstone Fair – April 8th
 - b. May 29th Prom
 - c. April 10th – Almost Maine Presentation 7 pm
 - B. Teacher None
 - C. Principal Delivered by Tom McKenna
 - a. SAT Day for Juniors conducted
 - b. March 26th Nat Honor Society induction

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- c. March 27th Women in Manufacturing
 - d. March 30th Aquaturf Art Awards
 - e. March 31st World Language cultural field trip
 - f. April 2nd Night of the Arts and Parent Teacher Conferences
 - g. SBAC Testing & AP testing coming
 - h. Capstone Fair
 - i. April 9th Manufacturing company representatives visiting Parish Hill to talk to the students about available jobs and skills alignment.
 - j. April 23rd Field Trip Band traveling to elementary schools
 - k. Band concert
 - l. K-12 Art show in organization phase.
- D. Superintendent Delivered by Andrew Skarzynski
- a. Soft Budget freeze to address unexpected costs. Funds submitted for DRIP grant.
 - b. Curriculum posting in process
 - c. CAFE May 12th legislative update
 - d. April 28th interview on WINY about TOPS
 - e. April 10th play presentation
- E. Report by PHACT/PTSA
- a. Two outstanding educators Mrs. Abbey, High School Teacher and Mrs. Salvas, Asst. Principal/Dean of Students
 - b. Staff lunch May 4th
 - c. Potential increase to Dakota Noel Bartlett Scholarship
 - d. May 2nd Pirate Fest
8. Old Business/New Business
- A. Discussion and Approval of the RD 11 26-27 Budget
Moved to approve and adopt the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 in the amount of \$7,508,150, as presented to the Board.
Motion Mike Smardon
Second Joy Becker
Result Unanimous
- B. Discussion and possible action of Method of Voting for Adoption of Budget.
Moved to call the Annual District Meeting or Public Hearing on Monday, May 4th, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Parish Hill Middle/High School Library concerning the 2026 - 2027 Budget, with said meeting to be adjourned to a referendum on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 from 12:00pm to 8:00pm at the respective polling places of the towns of Chaplin, Hampton, Scotland with a vote of yes or no 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?
Motion Mike Smardon
Second Stephanie Bayne
Result Unanimous

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- C. Discussion and possible action regarding graduation date and final day of school for the 2025-26 school year.
 - i. June 18th – Last Day
 - ii. June 18th – Graduation
 - Motion Joy Becker
 - Second Mike Smardon
 - Result Unanimous
- D. Final Approval of Board Policies:
 - i. 5123.3 - Graduation Ceremonies (Participation)
 - Motion Mike Smardon
 - Second Susan Lovegreen
 - Result Unanimous
 - ii. 6146 - Graduation Requirements
 - Motion Mike Smardon
 - Second Susan Lovegreen
 - Aye Susan Lovegreen, Stacy Foster, Joy Becker, Mike Smardon
 - Nay None
 - Abstain Stephanie Bayne
 - Result Passed
 - iii. 7100 - New Construction (Planning)
 - Motion Mike Smardon
 - Second Joy Becker
 - Result Unanimous
- 9. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action
 - A. Fiscal & Plant - Cancelled
 - B. Educational and Board Policies
 - C. Central Office – Met 03/25/2026 to discuss budget and Superintendent Review.
 - D. Technology/Website – Did not meet
 - E. Personnel and Supervision – Did not meet
 - F. Newsletter – Met 04/01/2026. Meeting April 22, 2026. In mailboxes by May 1 or May 2, 2026.
 - G. CABE/EASTCONN – No report
- 10. Second Audience for Citizens
 - Kelly McGillvry – Extra newsletters in the post offices or town halls.
- 11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
 - Executive Session to discuss Superintendent Review.
- 12. Adjournment 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Foster