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SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Scotland, Connecticut
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2026

Chair Cassidy Martin called meeting to order at 6:29 PM. Board members present: Clark Stearns, Michael Gile, Lisa LaBelle, Morgan Conley, Julie Conley. Administrators present: Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bruneau, Principal Ann Knowles, Special Ed Director Dawn Davis (online), Finance Coordinator Michele Demicco.
Board recited Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

3. **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:** None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
   - **Regular Meeting of July 7, 2026:**
     #1-26/27 Lisa LaBelle motioned to approve July 7, 2026 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Michael Gile and carried unanimously.

5. **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD OR DELETE AGENDA ITEMS:** Add - & Goals to Board Evaluation in Item 8a.

6. **CELEBRATIONS:** Back to school and doing great!

7. **REPORTS:**
   A. **Chairperson's Oral Report:** None
   B. **Superintendent's Report – grant, facilities & budget:**
      - Scotland didn't receive High-Quality Special Ed Grant (doesn't affect any programming).
      - Received $75,000 Summer Grant (will draw down for expenses).
      - REAP funds will supplement position from last year with SEED.
      - Overflow in bathroom at top of stairs down to Nurse's office from misaligned piping (there for a long time). Fixable without tearing up flooring – (will put in liner - waiting for quote).
      - 1 expansion tank done (waiting for 2nd tank).
      - A lot of touch up painting needed – will work on throughout the school year.
      - Roof inspection with leaks in ceiling tiles over locker rooms, PreK and Imagination Lab area found lots of nails and brackets from patching, spots missing sealant (cost $11,000 with most repairs cosmetic).
   C. **Principal's Report – curriculum & instruction updates:**
      - 2 PreK rooms (14 – 3yr olds, 13-4yr olds with 1 pending). Enrollment at 97 (8 STEM).
      - Great shape to kick off the year with great excitement from the kids (worked out assignments with sub for para out on leave).
      - Teachers completed mandated training for CPR, First Aid, PMT (1st PD in October).
      - Work continues to register out-of-towners for PreK (extra room to expand if needed).
      - Open House 1st family event – Bowling next family event with Afterschool Grant.
      - Continuing with Lion Dens (begins in 2 weeks).
      - Special Person/Generation lunches with students next week.
   D. **Special Education Report – updates:**
      In 3rd year of collaborative ESY program with 33 staff (49 students out of 80 confirmed actually attended with about 80% each day). Great summer with lots of activities for a nice camp experience (lots of good

feedback from parents). 20 Special Ed students with IEPs (1 outplacement) and 3 referrals. Restructuring program with SueEllen Henry as main Case Manager.

E. Financial Report – updates:
Ended year with $47,891.29 (will go to Non-Lapsing Account).
- Clark Stearns asked if $16,000 overbudget in #56240 Heating Oil - Building & Grounds actually for oil or related to repairs (need to check bills - 1 delivery outside contracted price) - tabled approval of Financial Statement until next month.

#2-26/27 Lisa LaBelle motioned to approve end of year requested transfers, seconded by Michael Gile and carried unanimously.
9% of current budget spent to date.

F. Shared Services updates: Survey from Blue Ribbon Commission online for residents.

G. Liaison Reports:
Cassidy Martin attended CABE Summer Leadership Conference and Board Chair Area Director Breakfast – CABE looking for specific examples on how budget impacts funding for schools.

8. <u>BOARD BUSINESS:</u>

A. Item: Policies 1st Read (Discussion): Tabled 3000s Policies until next month.

B. Item: BOE Level 1 Application (Discussion & Possible Action):
Due October 3rd and needs to include Board Goals, confirm Superintendent Evaluation done and Board Evaluation discussed, Meeting Schedule, July Policy Meeting minutes, Principal Report, Board Newsletter.
#3-26/27 Clark Stearns motioned to submit BOE Level 1 CABE Application, seconded by Lisa LaBelle and carried unanimously.

8a. Executive Session Anticipated

A. Item: Superintendent Evaluation (Discussion & Possible Action):

B. Item: Board Evaluation & Goals (Discussion & Possible Action):
#4-26/27 Michael Gile motioned to enter into Executive Session (7:15 PM) for the purpose of discussing Superintendent Evaluation and Board Evaluation & Goals, inviting Superintendent and Principal to attend, seconded by Clark Stearns and carried unanimously.
Board came out of Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

9. OLD BUSINESS UPDATES: None

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

11. OTHER ACTION ITEMS: None

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS:
- **Regular Board Meeting October 6, 2026 at 6:30pm**
- **Items for Next Meeting and Assignments**

13. ADJOURNMENT:
#5-26/27 Michael Gile motioned to adjourn (8:45 PM), seconded by Morgan Conley and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,
Recording Clerk Kathleen Scott