CORNWALL BOARD OF EDUCATION

DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2026
4:30 p.m. Hybrid

Present:

Board Members	Administration	Others
☑ Martha Bruehl	Leanne Maguire, Principal	2 members of the public
☑ Hugh Cheney	Melony Brady-Shanley, Supt.	
☑ Iris Hermann	Andrew Deacon, Asst. Supt.*	
☑ Rachel Matsudaira		
☑ Katherine Scoville		
☑ Anna Kallman		

**Denotes those attending remotely*

Call to Order: Ms. Hermann called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: **Ms. Matsudaira made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Kallman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

Principal's Report: Principal Maguire presented her report as circulated, noting that Ms. Carlson announced her retirement effective December 1.

Presentations: Ms. Maguire gave presentations regarding the School Climate Survey Results and the School Improvement Plan. Ms. Brady Shanley gave a presentation on the District Improvement Plan and the results of the Cornwall Organizational study survey.

Approval of the minutes: Ms. Matsudaira made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2026 meeting. Ms. Kallman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Written Communications to the Board: Ms. Hermann acknowledged the receipt of the CABE Letter and the Forum links letter. There was discussion regarding holding an in-person presentation of the survey results in addition to the online presentation, and a date was set for October 28 at 5:30.

Committee Reports:

-MSAAP: No meeting, no report

-Building Committee: Mr. Cheney and Ms. Maguire gave a brief recap of the work that was done around the grounds over the summer, which included the fire panel. Ms. Maguire said that they are working on setting priorities as identified in the building assessment.

-Climate and Safety: Ms. Maguire reported that their main focus was evacuation planning.

Public Comment: None

All Boards Chair Committee Report: Ms. Hermann reported that the local boards will need to choose a representative to serve on the regional Organizational Study Committee.

Region One Board Representative Report: No additional report.

Monthly budget update: Ms. Kosciusko displayed and explained the spreadsheet that will be used monthly for the budget updates.

Action Items:

a. 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC: **Ms. Bruehl made a motion to approve the hiring of ET Adventures for the regional eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. Mr. Cheney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

Policies, First Read: The First read of the following policies was postponed to the November meeting.

Policy# 4000.1	Sexual Harassment/Title IX
Policy# 4000.1R	Personnel - Sex Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace Regulation
Policy# 4111	Recruitment and Selection - Certified
Policy# 4111.1	Equal Employment Opportunity - Certified/Non-Certified
Policy# 4111.3	Minority Recruitment Plan - Certified
Policy# 4112.5	Security Check/Fingerprinting - Certified/Non-Certified
Policy# 4112.51	Reference Checks - Certified/Non-Certified
Policy# 4112.6/4212.6	Personnel Records
Policy# 4112.61	Use and Disclosure of Employee Medical Information (HIPAA) - Certified/Non-Certified
Policy# 4112.8/4212.8	Nepotism: Employment of Relatives
Policy# 4113.12	Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Periods for Teachers
Policy# 4115	Evaluation and Support Program
Policy# 4115.3	Evaluation of Coaches

Policy# 4117.4 Non-Renewal/Suspension - Certified
Policy# 4118.11 Nondiscrimination
Policy# 4118.112/4218.112 Sexual Harassment - Certified/Non-Certified
Policy# 4118.13/4218.13 Conflict of Interest - Certified/Non-Certified
Policy# 4118.14/4118.14 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities - Certified/Non-Certified
Policy# 4118.2/4218.2 Code of Ethics
Policy# 4118.21 Academic Freedom - Certified
Policy# 4118.23 Conduct - Certified/Non-Certified
Policy# 4118.232/4218.232 Drug-Free Workplace (amended 10/5/2026)
Policy# 4118.234 Psychotropic Drug Use (Students) - Certified/Non-Certified
Policy# 4118.24/4218.24 Student/Staff Non-Fraternization Certified/Non-Certified
Policy# 4118.24R/4218.24R Regulation: Student/Staff Non-Fraternization - Certified/Non-Certified

Policies, Second Read: **Ms. Bruehl made a motion to approve the following policies, with the exception of Policy# 4118.232/4218.232 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free Workplace, which has been placed under further review by the Regional Policy Committee: Policy# 4118.232/4218.232 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free Workplace; Policy# 4132 Copyrights and Patents; Certified; Policy# 4148 Employee Protection-Certified/Non-Certified; Policy #5000 Student Personnel Policy #5111 AdmissionPolicy #5111.1; Foreign Exchange Students Policy #5112; Ages of Attendance Admissions Placement; Policy #5112.4 Disenrollment; Policy #5113 Attendance Excuses Dismissals; Policy #5113.1 Work Permits; Policy #5113.2 Truancy. Ms. Hermann seconded and the motion passed unanimously:**

Administrative Reports: Questions from the Board

Assistant Superintendent Report: No additional comments.

Superintendent Report: Ms. Brady-Shanley noted that she has been selected as a rural school representative to the New England Association of School Superintendents.

Additional Comments from Public on Agenda Items: None

Executive Session: Ms. Kallman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss legal updates, inviting Ms. Brady-Shanley, Ms. Maguire, and Ms. Kosciusko. Ms. Bruehl seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session concluded at 7:18 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Annie Kosciusko, Board Clerk