

CORNWALL BOARD OF EDUCATION

DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2026

4:30 p.m. Hybrid

Present:

Board Members	Administration	Others
☐ Martha Bruehl	Leanne Maguire, Principal	4 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 4:35 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.

Approval of the minutes: **Ms. Matsudaira made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2026; July 22, 2026; July 24, 2026; and August 6, 2026 meetings. Mr. Cheney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

Written Communications to the Board: Ms. Hermann-Botto acknowledged receipt of the following letters: Kallman Letter, Kallman response letter.

Committee Reports:

MSAAP: No report, the committee did not meet. Ms. Matsudaira noted that the theater program was popular.

Building Committee: Mr. Cheney updated the board on the work that was done over the summer, which included the replacement of the fire panel, insulation of the

music room wall, repair and painting of the cupola, carpets were professionally cleaned, emergency lights were upgraded, emergency backpacks were mounted by classroom doors; and minor painting was completed.

Climate and Safety: Ms. Maguire reported that work was continuing on planning for a secondary evacuation drill. She also reported that the state was working on standardized drills (names and procedures) for all schools.

Public Comment: None

All Boards Chair Committee Report: No report this month

Region One Board Representative Report: No report this month

Monthly budget update: Ms. Kosciusko reported that there was a budget overage at the end of last year of approximately \$21,000 due to unexpected legal fees, homeless student transportation costs, increases in telephone service base charge, and snow removal costs. She reported that there would be a meeting with the superintendent, first selectman and Board of Finance to plan for managing spending in the current year and budgeting for the coming year.

Tuition application process: Ms. Maguire reported on the process for accepting tuition students as outlined in the slide circulated prior to the meeting. She detailed each step, and answered questions.

Action Items:

Tuition Policy: Ms. Brady-Shanley reported that the legal review of the policy has not been completed. No action was taken.

Policies:

Policies, Second Read: **Ms. Matsudaira made a motion to approve the following transition policies: Policy# 4118.4 Electronic Mail - Certified/Non-Certified; Policy# 4118.5/4218.5 Acceptable Computer Network Use - Certified/Non Certified; Policy# 4118.51/4218.51 Rights, Responsibilities, and Duties - SocialNetworking; Policy# 4121 Substitute Teachers; Policy# 4131 Staff Development-Certified; Policy# 4134 Tutoring; Policy# 4152.6 Family and Medical Leave Act; Policy# 4212.42 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers; Policy# 4215 Supervision and Evaluation - Non-Certified; Policy# 4217.4 Dismissal/Suspension; Policy# 4217.41R Regulation: Just Cause; Policy# 4222.1 Title I Paraprofessionals - Non-Certified.** Ms. Kallman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Policies, First read: Ms. Matsudaira made a motion to move the following policies to a second read: 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 Admission; Policy #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. Mr. Cheney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Reports: Questions from the Board

Assistant Superintendent Report: Mr. Deacon gave a brief report, the board had no questions.

Superintendent Report: Ms. Brady-Shanley gave a brief overview of her report, there were no questions.

Additional Comments from Public on Agenda Items: None

Executive Session: Ms. Matsudaira made a motion to go into executive session at 5:20 p.m. to discuss updates on legal cases. Ms. Kallman seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Board exited the executive session at 5:28 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Annie Kosciusko

Board Clerk