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SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Scotland, Connecticut
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2026

Chair Cassidy Martin called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Board members present: Clark Stearns, Beth Troeger, Michael Gile, Lisa LaBelle, Morgan Conley, Julie Conley. Administrators present: Superintendent Dr. Valerie Bruneau, Principal Ann Knowles, Finance Coordinator Michele Demicco (online).
Board recited Pledge of Allegiance; Chair read Intro Statement.

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

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
   - **Regular Meeting of June 2, 2026:**
     #1-26/27 Lisa LaBelle motioned to approve June 2, 2026 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Beth Troeger and carried unanimously.

5. **OPPORTUNITY TO ADD OR DELETE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

6. **CELEBRATIONS:**
   - Budget passed.
   - Graduated 11 students to Parish Hill.

7. **REPORTS:**
   A. **Chairperson's Oral Report:**
      - Someone dressed as Samuel Huntington will read Declaration of Independence tomorrow on the steps of Town Hall at 6pm with bell ringing 13 times and handing out medals.
      - Attended meeting in Putnam for Board Chairs to work on spreadsheet of different services. Invited by CABE President to attend similar meeting in Lisbon for districts in southeast corner and talked about ESY program.
      - CABE Summer Leadership Conference August 6th at Water's Edge in Westbrook from 1-7pm (free).

   B. **Superintendent's Report – grant, facilities & budget:**
      - Summer ESY started this week – opening day was great (prime location for regional program).
      - Submitted High Quality Incentive Special Education Grant for operations and programs to have students remain in the district - looking at creating Council with each participating town running special program for all the kids to attend (Scotland has ESY program -well staffed through Bloom with some staff shared with other towns). Expect to hear if approved in August.
      - Drip Grant received for repair maintenance – will use for items in boiler room and leaking AC unit (will be fixed prior to start of school).
      - Rollover funds from last year PreK (increase in Early Start funds) will be used for larger sandbox (10 ft x 10 ft) with 2 fenced in areas for PreK.
      - PFAS water test well within normal range (will come back in November to test again).
      - Working with Lisa LaBelle on Local Prevention Council Grant for Juul Smoking Cessation.

   C. **Principal's Report – curriculum & instruction updates:**

- Enrollment for next year - PreK3 – 12, PreK4 – 11, 1 outplaced for total of 92 students (84 Scotland, 8 STEM). PreK is greatest area for growth.
- Nothing new for curriculum this year. Benchmark assessments for K-3 Literacy done in the fall, winter and end of year - teachers trained to give electronically with results going directly to the State.
- Training done for Learning Ally - biggest push for parent engagement to use at home.
- PD August 20th for CPR mandated training.
- Looking at back-to-school for everybody August 24th.
- School ended with successful 6th grade Graduation and adorable Kindergarten Step-Up.
- Kids looking forward to continuing Lion Dens for next year.
- Will kickoff school with Open House the day before school starts.
- Theme for this year is "Reach for the Stars" (achievement and excellence).

D. Special Education Report – updates:
Dawn Davis could not attend tonight's meeting – well prepared for Summer School (Mae Flexer and CABE will be joining to showcase success of ESY program).

E. Financial Report – updates:
93.7% of budget spent to date (final report will be presented next month). Clark Stearns asked why Electricity overspent (Eversource Public Benefits fee).
#2-26/27 Clark Stearns motioned to approve June Financial Report, seconded by Michael Gile and carried unanimously.
#3-26/27 Clark Stearns motioned to approve July Financial Report, seconded by Michael Gile and carried unanimously.

F. Shared Services updates: Covered already

G. Liaison Reports: None

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

A. Item: Rose Khourie Scholarship (Discussion & Possible Action):
Rose Khourie Scholarship for $750 awarded at RD11 Graduation to Chloe Reid (joined RD11 Board).

9. OLD BUSINESS UPDATES: None

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

11. OTHER ACTION ITEMS: None

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **Working Policy Special Meeting July 21, 2026 at 5pm**
- **Regular Board Meeting August 4, 2026 at 6:30pm**
- **Items for Next Meeting and Assignments**

Board reminded to register for November CABE Convention (Cassidy will be presenting).

13. ADJOURNMENT:

#4-26/27 Clark Stearns motioned to adjourn (7:30 PM), seconded by Michael Gile and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,
Recording Clerk Kathleen Scott