

**REGIONAL DISTRICT ELEVEN
BOARD OF EDUCATION**
Parish Hill Middle/High School Library
Chaplin, Connecticut
June 9th, 2026
7:00PM

Special Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order at 7:01pm by Stacey Foster and Pledge of Allegiance

Members in attendance: Michael Smardon, Joy Becker, Hayley Albert, Ellen Gillon, Susan Lovegreen

Also Present: Superintendent Andrew Skarzynski

Members not in attendance: Steph Bayne, Camden Kammer

2. Communication with the Audience

No communication with the audience.

3. Written Communications to the Board

No written communication received.

4. Recognition of Valedictorian – Madelyn Woodward; Salutatorian – Gracie Pearl; Third Rank – Chloe Reid; Fourth Rank – Andrew Landolphi and Fifth Rank – Ashlyn Cimochoowski

5. Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Outstanding Artist Awards – Laylaa Melendez

6. Persevering Pirate Award – Aiden Warren

7. Presentation of the SAT EBRW Test and Math Test Certificates – Allison Butts, Kevin DeCarli, Amelia Sears, Gavin Sison

8. Approval of May 19th, 2026 Region 11 BOE Minutes

Motion by Michael Smardon, 2nd by Joy Becker. 3 Y/ 0N, Susan Lovegreen and Ellen Gillon abstain.

9. Approval of Financial Statements – May 2026

- i. Budget Forecast—FY 25-26 -Jobina Miller

Expectation is to break even at the end of the year.

Motion by Michael Smardon, 2nd by Joy Becker. 5Y/0N

10. Administrative Reports/Administrative Requests for Board Action

A. Student –

Allison Butts, Junior and Chloe Reid, Senior provided reports. Last month involved many field trips, Junior and Senior Prom. Practicing for graduation. Finals start next Monday and Graduation is Thursday. Chipotle Fundraiser tonight until 9pm. Planning for prom and senior class trip for next year. Season has ended for sports but made to conference and state tournaments. Senior Sunrise planned for first week of school.

B. Teacher –

Presentation of PHTOPS – Christopher Moore. Provided a presentation on the Transition Program he coordinates for students 18-22 who are diagnosed with Autism or Intellectual Disabilities whose IEP provides for extended school programming. A variety of hands-on learning experiences are provided through various local businesses and organizations and individualized instruction. The goal is post exit outcomes involving greater independence in transportation, schedule and daily living, improved self-advocacy and navigation of adult systems as well as financial stability. More information and a video can be found on the Parish Hill website under Special Education and on their Facebook page Parish Hill Transition Program.

<https://sites.google.com/parishhill.org/phtops/home>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61581864856235>

C. Principal –

Report provided by Principal Tom McKenna. Principal McKenna provided some additional information about the PHTOPS program. Chorus Concert occurred since last meeting. First ever Region 11 K-12 Art Show at the Senior Center. The Band marched in 2 parades. 6th grade parent night occurred last week. 6th graders have toured the building and got to experience some of the specials and academics they will participate in next year as 7th graders. Senior class trip to Sonny's Place. High School Awards ceremony to take place at the end of this week. Middle School Awards to be conducted next week. Award notices have been sent out.

D. Superintendent –

Report provided by Superintendent Skarzynski. Superintendent Skarzynski discussed a regional meeting of Superintendents and the advocacy discussed during. Acknowledged the resignation of Marshall Hudon. IT will be provided by EastConn in the interim. Curriculum is being compiled to be posted to the website. Curriculum committee to be developed. Facility condition audit was contracted from Bureau Veritas. Roof and boilers identified as needs. HVAC Audit to be completed soon. Graduation is next week. Summer goals include

updating job descriptions. Some central staff will be allowed to work a few days remote to save on gas costs and cooling costs during the summer.

E. Report by PHACT/PTSA

Joy Becker provided a report. PHACT met last Wednesday. Looking for members and a president. Under the guidance of Lisa Labelle, PHACT will have 2 more months to find a president and will form a nominating committee.

11. Old Business/New Business

A. Resignation of Marshall Hudon – IT

Received with regret

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Meeting Dates for FY 26-27

Motion by Michael Smardon. 2nd by Ellen Gillon. On June 9th, 2026; the Region 11 Board of Education moved to hold their regular monthly meetings on the Tuesday of each month at 7pm except July 7th, 2026, April 6th, 2027 and June 1 2027.

Revised motion by Michael Smardon, 2nd by Joy Becker to revise the August 18th, 2026 meeting to August 25th, 2026.

Dates are as follows: July 7th, 2026; August 25th, 2026; September 15th, 2026; October 20th, 2026; November 17th, 2026; December 15th, 2026; January 19th, 2027; February 16th, 2027; March 16th, 2027; April 6th, 2027; May 18th, 2027; and June 1st, 2027.

5Y/0N/0A

C. Discussion and Possible Action on Tentative Secretary Agreement

The Regional School District 11 Board of Education hereby moves to provide funding for and to otherwise approve the Tentative Agreement for a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Secretaries Union for the period of 2025-2029. The Board further delegates the Board Chair to coordinate with the Board Counsel in order to prepare the final contract document on behalf of the Board. Motion by Michael Smardon, 2nd by Susan Lovegreen. 5Y/0N/0A

12. Committee Reports/Requests for Board Action

A. Fiscal & Plant

Met prior to this meeting.

B. Educational and Board Policies

Has not met.

C. Central Office

Has not met.

D. Technology/Website

Has not met.

E. Personnel and Supervision

Has been meeting to develop the secretary contract. Will be settling on a paraprofessional contract.

F. Newsletter

Has not met.

G. CABE/EASTCONN

No report.

13. Second Audience for Citizens

No communication from the audience.

14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Reorganization of Officers and Committees.

15. Executive Session to Discuss Superintendent Review at 8:07pm.

Motion by Michael Smardon, 2nd by Joy Becker.

Exited at 8:30pm

12. Adjournment at 8:30 pm.

Motion by Michael Smardon, 2nd by Joy Becker.