

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 25, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Board of Education was held in Council Chambers on November 25, 2025.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board Chair Pickett.
2. **MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Amanda Pickett
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Amanda Pickett
4. **FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT**
5. **ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Anderson, Rosalee Brocuglio, Janet Cushman, Danielle Girard, Dean Gousse, Roberta Kiner, Philip Kober, Kelsey McGuire-Bruce, Amanda Pickett

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew B. Longey, Deputy Superintendent

MOTION TO MOVE AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Mrs. Cushman moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire-Bruce to move Item 11b Approval of FY26-27 Head Start Grant Application to Item 6c.

A vote by **show-of-hands – 9-0-0 passed unanimously.**

6. BOARD GUESTS

a. 2025 Kid Mayor

The Board welcomed Joel Senez, Humanities Director, Eli Whitney Grade 5 Teacher, Jeanne Horton and the 2025 Kid Mayor, Benjamin Grimsely. Ben shared his Kid Governor platform and video with the Board.

Board Chair Pickett, Mayor Cekala and State Representative Santanella presented Ben with a plaque, and Mayor Cekala invited Ben to present his idea to the Town Council at an upcoming meeting.

The Board members congratulated Ben and asked questions about his platform and the Kid Governor process.

b. Head Start Grant Application FY2026-27

Jacklyn Valley, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives at Stowe, presented information to the Board for the FY2026-27 Head Start Grant Application for approval. Kelly Bowles (Head Start Family Support Manager), Jennifer Maier (Health Manager/Stowe Nurse), Shannon Steere (Education Disability Manager), and Alexia Herbert (Head Start Policy Committee Chair/Head Start Parent).

Board members asked questions for clarification.

c. APPROVAL OF FY2026-27 HEAD START GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Kober moved, seconded by Mrs. Kiner, that the Enfield Board of Education approves the FY2026-27 Head Start Grant Application as presented.

A vote by **roll call 8-0-1** passed, with Mr. Kober abstaining.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Student Representatives

Olivia Nuccio (Grade 12) - Winter Sports season starts December 1; EHS Football team won the Route 5 Rivalry against South Windsor; EHS is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on December 20 at 9:00 AM; Safe Grad Jingle Jam is December 5; Winter Spirit Week will be 12/16-12/23

Chase Menard (Grade 11) - Lamplighters production of Night at the Wax Museum was this past weekend; EHS Music students will be participating in the Torchlight Parade 12/7; Chorus Concert 12/10; Jazz Concert 12/18; Spain/Italy trip information meeting 12/11; District-wide PJ Day 12/12; CT State College Instant Application session 12/5 at 9:00 AM for Seniors

b. EPS Update

On behalf of Mr. Moccio and Enfield Public Schools, Mr. Longey wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe few days off.

8. AUDIENCE

Board Chair Pickett read a prepared statement for Audience member participation. Audience members will be allowed four (4) minutes to address the Board.

Maureen Griffin (Abbe Road) – Mrs. Griffin welcomed the new Board and reminded them of their role. She also encouraged them to examine the “why” and continue to ask questions.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Girard thanked Mrs. Griffin for her comments and is looking forward to bringing the perspective of students with special needs. She attended the Wreaths Across America Spaghetti Dinner. Wreath laying ceremony will be on December 13.

Mr. Anderson presented questions regarding the audit to be given to the accounting firm prior to their upcoming presentation to the Board. Mrs. Pickett requested questions be emailed to the Board Chair and the Superintendent.

Mrs. Kiner attended the Family Engagement Day at Crandall. She encouraged parents and caregivers to stay involved.

Mrs. McGuire-Bruce shared that Cookies for Camouflage is on Sunday, November 30 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the American Legion Post 80. They will be collecting homemade or store-bought baked goods, hygiene products, cards, and donations for postage. 2Moms Angel Tree lists can be found on their Facebook page (2Moms Angel Tree Helpers 2025). She also reminded students to consider a heartfelt note of thanks to their teachers.

Mr. Kober shared his vision for the upcoming board. He noted that the Enrollment Report will be presented to the Board at the December 9 meeting. November is National Scholarship Month, so he encouraged high school students to apply for as many Scholarships as possible. November is also National Family Literacy month and is a perfect time to read together as a

family. Veterans Day is an opportunity to teach history and instill an understanding of patriotism and empathy. He encouraged practicing gratitude and wished everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday weekend.

Ms. Brocuglio shared a reminder that PJ Day is Friday, December 12 with donations supporting the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders Connecticut Children's.

Mr. Gousse reminded everyone that November is also known as "No Shave November" to support men's health education. He shared a Thanksgiving proclamation.

Board Chair Pickett shared that the Board is working on ways of sharing more information with the community, and that the recent Teacher's Contract has been posted on the Enfield Public Schools website.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

a. APPROVAL OF 2026 SCHEDULE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES

Mrs. Kiner moved, seconded by Mr. Gousse, that the Enfield Board of Education approves the 2026 Schedule of Regular Board Meeting Dates as presented.

Discussion:

Mr. Kober noted the time change from 7:00 PM to 5:00 PM for the June, July, and August meetings due to the Summer Concert Series. He mentioned that for some members the 5:00 PM start time might be difficult and wanted to start a discussion regarding the change.

Mr. Anderson agreed that the 5:00 PM start time is difficult and suggested moving the start time to 5:30 PM instead of 5:00 PM.

Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Kober, that the Enfield Board of Education approves moving the start time for the June, July, and August meetings from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

A vote by **show-of-hands 9-0-0** passed unanimously to change the time.

A vote by **roll call 9-0-0** passed unanimously to approve the 2026 Schedule of Regular Board Meeting Dates as amended.

12. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Chair Pickett and Committee Chairs will read the names of the Enfield Board of Education members for each of the Standing Committees.

Leadership Committee – next meeting is Wednesday, December 3 at 5:30 PM

Amanda Pickett – Board Chair

Kelsey McGuire-Bruce – Vice Board Chair

Janet Cushman – Secretary

Philip Kober – Minority Leader

Curriculum Committee – next meeting is Thursday, December 18 at 5:00 PM

Roberta Kiner – Chair

Rosalee Brocuglio

Dean Gousse

Kelsey McGuire-Bruce – Alternate

Janet Cushman - Alternate

Finance Committee – next meeting is Monday, December 1 at 5:00 PM

Kelsey McGuire-Bruce – Chair

Danielle Girard

Robert Anderson

Rosalee Brocuglio – Alternate

Philip Kober - Alternate

Policy Committee – next meeting is Tuesday, December 16 at 5:30 PM

Rosalee Brocuglio – Chair

Kelsey McGuire-Bruce

Janet Cushman

Danielle Girard – Alternate

Philip Kober - Alternate

13. LIAISON REPORTS

Stowe & Head Start – Robert Kiner

KITE – Danielle Girard

Partnered with EPS Youth Vote for the election – 88 Play Paks were given out to families

Parent Leadership Academy Class 19 is at capacity with a Wait List

Next meeting is December 3 at 5:30 PM at ACC

Social Services Winter Traditions is December 4 at 6:00 PM

ERfC – Philip Kober

Enfield Cultural Arts – Rosalee Brocuglio

Buzz Robotics – Kelsey McGuire-Bruce

Enfield Together Coalition – Amanda Pickett

ETC visited EHS to connect with students and ask them who they were grateful for

Enfield Street School – Kelsey McGuire-Bruce

Edgar H. Parkman – Danielle Girard

Last day to donate to the Food Drive is December 5 – goal is 2,000 lbs.

Square One Art order due December 3

Picture Retakes on December 17

PTO Meeting is December 9 at 7:00 PM (virtual)

Henry Barnard – Rosalee Brocuglio

December PTO Meeting has been moved from December 16 to December 9 at 6:00 PM

Prudence Crandall – Roberta Kiner

Family Engagement Day was a success with over 325 family members in attendance

Thank you to the families who donated to the Enfield Food Boat

Donated 4,023 lbs. of food and \$242 to the Enfield Food Shelf

Giving Trees will be set up after Thanksgiving

Hazardville Memorial – Amanda Pickett

Eli Whitney – Janet Cushman

JFK Middle School – Dean Gousse

EHS – Robert Anderson

Safe Grad 2026 - Amanda Pickett

Jingle Jam is December 5 at 5:00 PM at the American Legion

CABE & CREC Delegate – Amanda Pickett

Eagle Academy – Philip Kober

ETLA – Amanda Pickett

Adult Education – Janet Cushman

Joint Committees:

Joint Leadership – Amanda Pickett and Philip Kober

Joint Security Committee – Roberta Kiner, Danielle Girard and Philip Kober

Mr. Kober shared that the November meeting was cancelled

Next meeting is Friday, December 12 at 9:30 AM

Joint Facility – Kelsey McGuire-Bruce, Danielle Girard, Janet Cushman

Next meeting 12/11 6:00 PM

Joint Insurance Committee – Rosalee Brocuglio and Janet Cushman

Pre-Referendum Committee – Amanda Pickett

Community Conversation #1 (view live stream link on EPS website)

Survey closes December 5

Think Tank sessions held last week with EPS and Community members

Community Conversation #2 is on December 17 (virtual)

14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. McGuire-Bruce moved, seconded by Mr. Kober, that the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2025 be approved.

A vote by **show-of-hands 8-0-1** passed, with Mr. Anderson abstaining.

Mrs. Kiner moved, seconded by Mrs. Girard, that the Special Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025 be approved.

A vote by **show-of-hands 9-0-0** passed unanimously.

15. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYROLL

16. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Pickett shared an invitation for the Board to attend the Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, December 13 at 12:00 PM at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kober moved, seconded by Mrs. Kelsey McGuire-Bruce, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of

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November 25, 2025. Motion passed unanimously by a **show-of-hands 9-0-0**. Meeting stood adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Janet Cushman
Secretary
Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Lawlor, Recording Secretary

**This meeting can be viewed in its entirety on
YouTube <https://youtube.com/live/iyiS7pKUuKo>*