

Voluntown Public Schools

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Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting January 15, 2026

PLACE: Voluntown Elementary School
Central Office Conference Room
195 Main St.
Voluntown, CT 06384

TIME: 6:00 p.m. (Open to the Public)

*This public meeting will be viewable within 24 hours of the meeting's conclusion on the
Voluntown School YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3I7dQmnXMxoTINHzaSZ1zw>
Citizens are welcome to attend in person to share their comments.*

I. Opening Activities

- A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call / BOE Mission Statement
- B. Public Comments / Correspondence

II. Guest Presentations

- A. Jason Hartling (Superintendent) and Amanda Fagan (Principal) - Ledyard Public Schools
- B. Nick Caruso (CABE Associate Executive Director for Field Services)

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the following items for the month of December 2025: BOE Minutes (12/11/25), Bills, Function Object, and Food Service Report
- B. Appoint Kayla Beaulsoleil and Valerie Lord as TEAM Mentors
- C. Annual Meaningful Notice and Vendor List

IV. Reports/Updates

- A. Superintendent
- B. Principal
- C. Director of Student Services

V. Old Business

- A. Budget for 2026/2027
- B. Policy Update/Adoption (*2nd Reading*)
 - 1. 5131.911 - School Climate (*Policy, Regulation, and Forms*)
 - 2. 5141.25 - Students With Special Health Care Needs (*Policy and Regulation*)
 - 3. 9222 - Resignation/Removal of Board Officer/Censure (*Bylaw and Appendixes*)

VI. New Business

- A. Policy Updates (*1st Reading*)
 - 1. 1312 - Public Complaints (*Policy and Form*)
 - 2. 3171.1 - Non-Lapsing Educational Fund (*Policy*)
- B. School Calendar for 2026/2027
- C. Personnel (*Teacher Retirement*)

VII. Upcoming Meetings and Adjournment

Regular BOE Meeting – Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office

Voluntown Board of Education

Mission Statement

The Voluntown Board of Education's mission is to provide our students the skills essential to reach their highest potential in a safe environment for learning as they aspire to become responsible, respectful, and civic-minded members of society. We commit to help educate, challenge, and inspire each child to excel as lifelong learners who can adapt constructively in an ever-changing, multicultural, and technological world. (August, 2020)

Public Comment Disclaimer

The Board welcomes public participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments to five minutes. Speakers may offer objective comments of school operations and programs that concern them. To protect the impartiality of the board, we will not permit any expression of personal complaints or defamatory comments about Board of Education personnel and students, nor against any person connected with the Voluntown Public Schools. Such issues should be brought to the school administration. The board will not respond to comments made during public comment, except to clarify issues. When appropriate, district administration will follow-up at a later point in time.

Goals for 2025-2026

- 1. Maintain a safe and orderly school climate and facility that allows the students, faculty, staff and administrators to feel secure and valued while concentrating on student achievement, developing positive relationships, reinforcing civic responsibility, cultural diversity, and maintaining the overall social and emotional well-being of our educational community*
- 2. Work effectively to support the transition to a new Superintendent and fostering a climate of collaborative leadership and accountability, and focusing on school priorities and operations in an efficient and cost effective manner*
- 3. Promote creative efforts for students to develop 21st Century skills using critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning, planning, analysis and a broad range of learning opportunities through distributive leadership as a collective responsibility for administrators and teachers by utilizing feedback from students and the school community*
- 4. Engage in professional learning opportunities for the Voluntown Board of Education members and support staff, and foster transparency through open communication between the board, staff, and the community*
- 5. Support the process of creating a curriculum that promotes learning opportunities for students that are aligned Common Core State Standards with the CT Next Generation Accountability System which promotes an enriched curriculum and meets local and state requirements as well as promotes civics education, maintains a foreign language program and supports future STEM/STEAM activities in a creative resource room*
- 6. Hire, support, and retain top teaching talent while working within state, federal, and district resources*
- 7. Implement systems that encourage and support the use of data and research in decision making, especially with regards to securing grants to address learning priorities*