

**Cheshire Board of Education**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETING**  
February 1, 2024

**Committee Members Present:** Jeffrey F. Solan, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools; Samantha Rosenberg, Board Chair; Anne Harrigan, Board Member; Mary Gadd, Cheshire Administrative Personnel; Mary Cabrera, Education Association of Cheshire; Matthew Colehour, PTA Representative

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**1. Call To Order – 6:30 p.m.**

Dr. Solan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the Proposed 2024/25 School Calendar and the Proposed Draft 2025/26 School Calendar.

**2. Final Review and Approval of the 2024/2025 Calendar**

Dr. Solan shared the draft calendar that was approved at last year's Calendar Committee. The committee reviewed each of the significant dates and it was decided to make December 20 an early dismissal day to allow more flexibilities for families to travel for the holiday. In addition, the committee asked about renaming Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day. Dr. Solan said he would inquire with the Town and the State to see what name they are using.

The first day of school for students is August 29, 2024. Convocation is scheduled for August 26, 2024 and Professional Development (PD) days will be held on August 27, August 28, November 5, 2024 and March 21, 2025.

Cheshire Public Schools will be closed on the following days:

- Labor Day (September 2, 2024)
- Rosh Hashanah (October 3, 2024)
- Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 14, 2024)
- Thanksgiving Break (November 28 - 29, 2024)
- Winter Recess, including Christmas and New Year's (December 23, 2024 - January 1, 2025)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 20, 2025)
- February Recess (February 17 - 18, 2025)
- Spring Break (April 14 - 17, 2025)
- Good Friday (April 18, 2025)
- Memorial Day (May 26, 2025)

With no snow days, the last day of school for students is projected be June 10, 2025 and the last day for teachers would be June 11, 2025. Snow days will be made up June 11 – June 30, 2025. Additional snow days needed beyond these 14 days will begin with April 17, 2025 and move backward.

**MOTION** by Dr. Harrigan, seconded by Dr. Solan.

**MOVED** that the Committee present the Proposed 2024/2025 School Calendar to the full Board for approval.

**VOTE:** The Motion passed unanimously by those present.

**3. Review and Approval of the Proposed Draft 2025/2026 School Calendar.**

Dr. Solan said that because of the opening of the new schools, this calendar is different from years past. In order to allow as much time as possible to move into the new schools during the summer of 2026, the school year is starting earlier and ending earlier than past years. The Superintendent reviewed the Proposed Draft 2025-2026 School Calendar. Committee members discussed various scenarios and agreed to the proposed draft. The first day of school is August 21, 2025. Convocation is scheduled for August 18, 2025, and Professional Development (PD) days will be held on August 19, August 20, November 4, 2025 and March 20, 2026.

Cheshire Public Schools will be closed on the following days:

- Labor Day (September 1, 2025)
- Rosh Hashanah (September 23, 2025)
- Yom Kippur (October 2, 2025)
- Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 13, 2025)
- Thanksgiving Break (November 27 - 28, 2025)
- Winter Recess, including Christmas and New Year's (December 24, 2025 – January 2, 2026)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 19, 2026)
- February Recess (February 16 - 17, 2026)
- Good Friday (April 3, 2026)
- Spring Break (April 6 - 10, 2026)
- Memorial Day (May 25, 2026)

With no snow days, the last day of school for students is scheduled for June 4, 2026 and the last day for teachers is June 5, 2026. Snow days will be made up June 5 – June 30, 2026. Additional snow days needed beyond these 18 days will begin with April 10, 2026 and move backward.

**MOTION** by Dr. Harrigan, seconded by Mr. Colehour.

**MOVED** that the Committee present the Proposed Draft 2025/2026 School Calendar to the full Board for approval.

**VOTE:** The Motion passed unanimously by those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

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Anne Harrigan, Board Member

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Carol Jesensky, Executive Assistant

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