



Preston Public School District
Board of Education

Regular BOE Meeting
February 9, 2026
7:00PM

AMENDED

Preston Public Schools Board of Education Announcement

Virtual Meetings

The Preston Public School District is happy to reinstate a Google meet format for Board of Education meetings to increase public access to Board dialogue and deliberations and to further promote openness in district governance. This approach is intended to provide additional opportunities for community members to observe the Board's work when in-person attendance may not be feasible. As we move forward, the district may make adjustments to the meeting format, technology, and presentation as we learn how to most effectively and efficiently share Board meetings with the public while maintaining the orderly conduct of district business. At this time, during virtual meetings, we will not take any virtual public comment as we sort out operational parameters.

Join with Google Meet

meet.google.com/diq-fpxu-dwt
Meeting code

meet.google.com/diq-fpxu-dwt

Phone Numbers

(US)+1 260-376-3018

PIN: 462 769 319#

In Person: Preston Plains Library

Remember the Palm –

“You hold a loved one in the palm of your hand. All our decisions are made with that loved one in mind.”

1. Call to Order

Courtney Ennis: Board Chair

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Courtney Ennis: Board Chair

3. Public Comment

Courtney Ennis: Board Chair

Public Comment and Question Session: Each individual will be limited to 3 minutes and the entire session will last no more than 15 minutes. All comments and questions must be germane to the agency's business. No individual may yield his/her time to another individual. (Town Ordinance: 03.06.08)

Option 1: Members of the public wishing to provide Public Comment must submit an email to Courtney Ennis at ennisc@prestonschools.org and to Gloria Homiski at homiskig@prestonschools.org by 12 noon on February 9, 2026. Emails received will be acknowledged and summarized by the chair during the Public Comment portion of the meeting and will become part of the meeting minutes.

Option 2: Members of the public attending in person may provide public comment during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Option 3: Members of the Public wishing to record the meeting are requested to inform the Board Chair in advance.

5. Consent Agenda*

Courtney Ennis: Board Chair

- a. BOE Regular Meeting Minutes of 1-12-2026
- b. LEARN
- c. CABE

6. Old Business: Public Comment

Courtney Ennis: Board Chair

Dr. Seitsinger: Superintendent

7. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent: Dr. Seitsinger

- a. 2026-2027 School Calendar*
 - b. Healthy Food Certification*
- Necessary Motions:

Vote 1: Required vote for participation in healthy food option of HFC

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Preston Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Required motion language for combined food and beverage exemptions:

The Preston Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

- c. Shipman's List of Mandatory Trainings for School Personnel
- d. Shipman's List of State Mandates Pertaining to School Districts
- e. Policies at 2nd Read: 6142.102: Social and Emotional Learning
5145.42: Racial Harassment of Students

8. Preston PTO

Courtney Ennis: Board Chair

9. Principals'/Director of Student Services Report/Other Director Reports as Needed

Courtney Ennis: Board Chair

10. Committee Reports

Courtney Ennis: Board Chair

- a. Finance Committee
- b. Curriculum Committee
- c. Communication Committee
- d. LEARN Representative
- e. CAFE Representative: See email from CAFE in Packet
- f. Building Needs Assessment Committee

11. Financial/Capital Report

Cindy Varricchio: Director of Finance

- a. FY25 Audit Update
- b. FY26 Current Financial Report*
- c. FY27 Review Budget Calendar
- d. Approval of Repair: PPMS Heat

12. Public Comment

Courtney Ennis: Board Chair

13. Adjournment*

Courtney Ennis: Board Chair

*=Board Vote Required

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: March 9, 2026

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Cindy Palmer
PRESTON TOWN CLERK

Asst.