

Cheshire Board of Education
MINUTES OF THE
CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETING
December 3, 2024

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

Other Board Members Present: Adam Grippo, Tim White

1. Call To Order – 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Solan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the Proposed 2025/26 School Calendar and the Proposed Draft 2026/27 School Calendar.

2. Final Review and Approval of the 2025/2026 Calendar

Dr. Solan shared the draft calendar that was approved at last year's Calendar Committee. 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 committee reviewed each of the significant dates. Mr. White questioned renaming Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day/Italian American Day. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to keep the name for the 2025/26 Calendar and to solicit feedback from the full board.

The first day of school for students 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'/Italian American 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 projected be June 4, 2026, and the last day for teachers would be June 5, 2026. Snow days will be made up June 5 – June 12, 2026. Additional snow days needed beyond these 6 days will begin with April 10, 2026, and move backward to April 8 (3 days.)

MOTION by Colehour, seconded by Ms. Carey.

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

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously by those present.

3. Review and Approval of the Proposed Draft 2026/2027 School Calendar.

The Superintendent reviewed the Proposed Draft 2026-2027 School Calendar. To allow more time to move into the new schools, schools will open and close later than in past years. The first day of school is September 8, 2026. Convocation is scheduled for September 2, 2026, and Professional Development (PD) days will be held on September 3, September 4, November 3, 2026 and March 25, 2027.

Cheshire Public Schools will be closed on the following days:

- Labor Day (September 7, 2026)
- Yom Kippur (September 21, 2026)
- Indigenous Peoples'/Italian American Day (October 12, 2026)
- Thanksgiving Break (November 26 - 27, 2026)
- Winter Recess, including Christmas and New Year's (December 24, 2026– January 1, 2027)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 18, 2027)
- February Recess (February 15 - 16, 2027)
- Good Friday (March 26, 2027)
- Spring Break (April 12 - 16, 2027)
- Memorial Day (May 31, 2027)

With no snow days, the last day of school for students is scheduled for June 17, 2027 and the last day for teachers is June 18, 2027. Snow days will be made up June 18 – June 30, 2027. Additional snow days needed beyond these 9 days will begin with April 16, 2027 and move backward.

MOTION by Mr. Colehour, seconded by Ms. Cabrera.

MOVED that the Committee present the Proposed Draft 2026/2027 School Calendar to the full Board for approval.

VOTE: The Motion passed unanimously by those present.

On a Motion by Ms. Cabrera and seconded by Mr. Colehour, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Harrigan, Board Member

Attest:

Carol Jesensky, Executive Assistant

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