



Southington Education Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2026
6:30 PM on Zoom

In Attendance:

12 Directors: Katie Wade, Ellen Bellinger, Trish Kenefick, Jan Galati, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, Nancy Rogers, Paula Knight, Dianne Quinn, Ann Taylor, Julie Barnofski, Patricia Gagliardi and Jessica Springer-Cap
2 Volunteers: Carol Koller and Val DePaolo

Welcome/Call to Order:

Katie called the meeting to order at 6:33.

Approval of the Minutes: (Nancy R)

Paula moved acceptance of the November 18, 2025 minutes as distributed. Jan seconded the motion and they were approved with Michelle abstaining.

Paula moved acceptance of the December 8, 2025 minutes as distributed. Ellen second the motion and they were approved with Katie abstaining.

Treasurer's Report (Michelle)

Michelle reviewed budget details and transactions during November and December line by line. The current balance is \$92,846.72.

Nancy R moved acceptance of the report and Jan seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Committee Work:

Scholarship: (Ann)

Ann reported that she is looking for readers for scholarship applications. Michelle, Trish, Patricia, Paula, Julie and Jessica volunteered. Ann will contact others who have volunteered in the past as well.

Grants: (Jan)

Jan reported hearing from the grant recipient for Empowering Elementary Voices that she neglected to include funds for head sets that would greatly facilitate implementing the material in the classroom. Michelle moved that SEF allocate \$95.15 for four head sets to supplement the grant award. Paula seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Development: (Jan)

Jan has received applications for six new SEF volunteer members:

Jill Battaglia
Cheryl Watson
Alan DeBisschop
Laurel Tomassetti
Carol Koller
Val DePaolo

Events: (Nancy G and Paula)

Plans are in place for the Community Basketball Game. Five teams have signed on: Police, Fire Fighters; Y; teachers and Camp Korp. They will be provided with different color team shirts, thanks to a \$500 grant from the DePaolo Foundation.

The event will be free to the public. People may purchase refreshments, which have been donated, and there will be two jars for donations to SEF.

Paula and Trish detailed the needs for volunteers at the event. A discussion followed regarding how to get the word out, with various efforts reported already underway and with members urged to share the flyer created.

New Business:

Michelle sought guidance from the board regarding the need for an accountant to assist with filing taxes, which are due on May 15th this year. It was recommended that she follow up with Lisa to determine if we have access to the pro bono advice of an accountant that she knows.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:42.

Meetings and Events Scheduled:

Grants Committee: January 20 at 6:30 on Zoom
Community Basketball Game: January 25 from 2-4 at the SHS Gym
SEF Board Meeting: February 2 at 6:30 on Zoom
Events: TBD
Cider Tasting: June 3 at Long View Ciderhouse

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Rogers, Recording Secretary

