



**Southington Education Foundation
Board Meeting Minutes**

May 12, 2026
6:30 PM on Zoom

In Attendance:

10 Directors: Katie Wade, Lisa Cammuso, Patricia Gagliardi, Trish Kenefick, Jan Galati, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, Ann Taylor, Nancy Rogers, Dianne Quinn, and Nancy Garry

2 Volunteers: Judi Spreda and Amy Horton

Welcome/Call to Order:

Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:34.

Addition to the Agenda:

Members were updated as to the results of the Town Council's vote on the Board of Education's proposed budget and the continued need for SEF's impact.

Approval of the Minutes: Nancy R

Trish moved the minutes be approved as distributed. Jan seconded the motion and it was approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle

Michelle provided a detailed report of income and expenses during the previous month. The current balance is \$84,802.58, with \$16,624.12 in available funds. She noted that there is still \$29,178.46 in reserve leftover from the kindergarten transition funds and also that she has been in touch with the Goralski family regarding the balance of scholarship funds on account.

Nancy R moved acceptance of the report and Ann seconded the motion. It was approved without objection.

Committee Work:

Scholarship: Ann

Ann and Susan Reisman will attend the awards ceremony being held tomorrow evening at Southington High School to give out the SEF scholarships.

Grants: Jan

Jan passed on two invitations to SEF board members and volunteers:

The STELLAR Store at 48 North Main Street will hold a “soft opening” on Thursday, May 14 from 8-2 and again from 5-8:30; and the Assistive Technology staff at SHS is holding an open house on Friday, May 29 at 9:15 in Room C207.

Jan also reported receiving a request to remove the Apple Pencil Pro from the budget for the Assistive Technology Lending Library grant due to the students having difficulty using it. Jan moved that the budget be amended to show the purchase instead of five mouse devices at a cost of \$114.75, such that the total budget is now \$2856.85, reflecting a difference of \$30 less than the original request. Katie seconded the motion and it was approved without objection.

Board Development: Jan

Jan moved the nomination of Judi Spreda to become a board member. Nancy G seconded the motion and it was approved without objection.

Jan presented a proposed the following slate of officers for 2026-2027:

Chair: Patricia Gagliardi

Treasurer: Michelle LeBrun-Griffin

Recording Secretary: Dianne Quinn

She will announce a candidate for Corresponding Secretary at a later date.

Installation of officers will occur at the in-person Annual Meeting to be held on June 16.

Events: Nancy G and Paula

Nancy G reminded members to sign up for duties at the Drive-In fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, June 6 from 5:30-9:30. SEF has signed on to provide 20 volunteers for this event. Michelle stated that three more volunteers are needed.

Nancy R reviewed both progress and outstanding tasks for the Cider and Wine Tasting Event, thanks to the efforts of the board members and volunteers. In summary, food procurement, publicity, ticket sales, preparation for the live auction and gift pull at the event, representation for teachers who were awarded grants and other donations and sponsorships are all underway.

Gift card donations for the gift pull at the event can be given to Judi Spreda.

Other Business:

Katie reported that the Main Street Foundation was seeking information on the prospective leadership for the STEP Program, a position that has not been filled and for which a three-month delay for filling the now part-time position was voted on by the Town Council.

Katie also moved that SEF donate \$1500 to Team 195, the robotics program at SHS. Trish seconded the motion and it was approved without objection.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Nancy G moved that the meeting adjourned at 749. Trish seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

Meetings and Events Scheduled:

Events Committee: Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 on Zoom

SEF Annual Meeting: Tuesday, June 16 at 6 at a location TBD

Cider and Wine Tasting: Wednesday, June 3, 5:30-8:30 at Long View Ciderhouse

Drive-In Fundraiser: Saturday, June 6, 5:30-9:30 at Southington Drive-In

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Rogers, Recording Secretary