

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
December 03, 2019
7:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Attendance

2. Executive Session to Discuss a Request for a Board of Education Hearing

MOTION: by DeSantis, seconded by Barneby to enter into Executive Session to discuss a request for a Board of Education Hearing.

AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

MOTION: by Barneby, seconded by DeSantis to adjourn Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

MOTION: by Barneby, seconded by DeSantis. After deliberation, the Board declines to grant a hearing regarding a student matter.

AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

3. School / Community Session - 7:55 p.m.

3.1. Recognition

3.1.1. Teachers College Attendees

Each fall & spring, Teachers College (Columbia University) hosts a Reunion - a free, full-day workshop which includes breakout sessions with world-renowned experts in reading & writing instruction. People come from throughout the United States to attend

“Saturday School”. Twelve staff members, some in attendance this evening, attended the workshop. At their request, the district opened registration for the fall reunion and was happy to provide transportation for these dedicated professionals. They were able to learn from the most prestigious experts in literacy.

In attendance: Peggy Bell, Lisa Caldwell, Erin Chester, Alicia Dunbar, Lynn Voitans.

3.2. Public Participation

No public participation

4. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report Jacqueline Sandor and Eric Dillner

Student representatives were not in attendance this evening.

5. Superintendent's Report

5.1. Board of Education Workshop – Board Member Roles & Responsibilities and Communication Approaches

Superintendent Scarice welcomed and introduced Attorney Tom Mooney who facilitated an open workshop focused on Board member roles and responsibilities, as well as Board member communication.

5.2. Other Matters

Superintendent Scarice distributed a newly-developed “postcard” that provides a brief synopsis of the school district, which will be placed in local real-estate offices.

6. Board Members' Comments

No report.

7. Board Committees / Liaison Updates (Ref. Bylaw #9450)

7.1. Curriculum and Student Development Committee

Mr. Cawley reported the committee met on November 19 and covered 4 topics:

- Tri-State social/emotional meeting scheduled for May 5-7, 2020.
- Tracking the fall easy CBM system administered to grades K-8
- Monitoring progress on accountability index.
- Graduation requirement changes / Portrait of a Graduate

7.2. Communications Committee

No report.

7.3. Facilities Committee

No report.

7.4. Finance Committee

Mr. Barneby distributed a new Budget Calendar. The first budget workshop will take place on December 10. If needed, the Finance Committee will meet on December 17, prior to the second budget workshop that same evening. Budget workshop #3 will take place on January 7 with the Board possibly taking action that evening, with an alternate date of January 21.

7.5. Personnel Committee

No report.

7.6. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee met this evening. Mr. DeSantis reported the following:

- Preliminary discussions were held regarding Policy #5110.4 – Suspension/Expulsion/Exclusion from School and School Activities, as well as Shipman & Goodwin’s recommendations for the 1000 Series policies.
- For the current school year, the committee voted to recommend a graduation date of June 15, 2020.
- A few points of interest regarding the 2020-2021 school year: the school year begins prior to Labor Day (August 31) and there are 2 holidays that fall on a weekend. The current version of the 2020-2021 calendar consists of 188 teacher days and 182 student days. The committee is proposing the addition of Friday, March 12, 2021 as a day off for staff & students and adding a professional development day on June 14, 2021. This would retain the obligatory 188 teacher days and decrease the student days by one day (still fulfilling the 180 day requirement). The committee also discussed the April break.

Further discussions will take place at the December 17th board meeting.

7.7. LEARN Liaison

The LEARN Board of Directors met on November 14, 2019. CABE General Counsel gave a legislative update, discussing goals of the Advisory Commission of Intergovernmental Relationships. These goals include looking into shared services and increasing collaboration among school boards, reviewing healthy school start times, non-medical exemptions for vaccinations, social emotional learning, school climate policy, and special education funding.

LEARN leadership continues to meet with district superintendents to discuss their needs, their goals and how LEARN can assist. A task force will be addressing birth to five issues, and LEARN will host an early childhood symposium in December, called Keep Calm, Keep LEARNing. The LEARN Director of Innovation and Development continues to work on sub-regional transportation and has coordinated a collaboration with Waterford, East Lyme and Salem regarding a uniform contract to bid together. Roundtable topics include health insurance consortiums, high school start times and more discussion about regionalism and shared services.

8. Audience Response to Information Presented (Ref. Bylaw #9540.10)

No comments.

9. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2 and #9540.8)

9.1. Budget Expenditure as of November 22, 2019

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Barneby to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

10. Action Item: Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Pellegrino to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 board meeting.

AYES: Barneby, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Cawley

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

11. Action Item: Designation of Standing Committee Membership (Ref. Bylaw #9450)

11.1. Curriculum & Student Development Committee: Galen Cawley, Chair, Greg DeSantis, Catherine Miller

11.2. Facilities Committee: Tom Pellegrino, Chair, Kirk Barneby, Galen Cawley

11.3. Finance Committee: Kirk Barneby, Chair, Galen Cawley, Tom Pellegrino

11.4. Personnel Committee: Violet McNerney, Chair, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Tom Pellegrino

11.5. Policy Committee: Greg DeSantis, Chair, Violet McNerney, Emily Rosenthal

11.6. Communications Committee (meet quarterly): Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Greg DeSantis, Kirk Barneby

11.7. LEARN Liaison: Diane Infantine-Vyce

MOTION: by DeSantis, seconded by Barneby to approve the Designation of Standing Committee members.

AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

12. Action Item: To approve trip to Greece, April, 2021

MOTION: by Barneby, seconded by DeSantis to approve the trip to Greece – April, 2021.
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

13. Action Item: To approve \$6,000 donation from Jeffrey PTO to Jeffrey Elementary school for field trip expenses

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Barneby to approve the donation from the Jeffrey PTO to Jeffrey Elementary School for field trip expenses.
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

14. Action Item: To approve National Philanthropic Trust donation of \$7,417.00

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by DeSantis to approve the National Philanthropic Trust donation of \$7,417.
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

15. Old Business

16. Future Agenda Items

17. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

18. Adjournment

MOTION: by Barneby, seconded by DeSantis to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

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