

Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
June 19, 2018
7:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room

MEETING MINUTES

“Full documentation of these proceedings can be found through on demand video located in the Meetings/Minutes section of the district website”

1. Call to Order / Attendance

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chair Katie Stein at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Stein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jessica Bowler; Galen Cawley; Greg DeSantis; Happy Marino; Violet McNerney; Tom Pellegrino, Emily Rosenthal; Katie Stein

Seth Klaskin – via phone

Also present: Thomas Scarice, Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; students; and community members.

2. School / Community Session - 7:30 p.m.

2.1. Recognition

2.1.1. CABA Student Leadership Award

Walter C. Polson Middle School - Taitum Maxwell

Taitum was unable to attend this evenings meeting.

2.2. Public Participation

Norman Redlich – 15 Island Ave.

Mr. Redlich stated his concerns regarding security at Daniel Hand High School.

3. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Emily Baker and Ryan Tomicic (Ryan did not attend the meeting)

Emily reported on the following:

Senior exams were yesterday and today

Underclassmen exams are taking place Wednesday thru Friday

Senior award night is this Thursday

Graduation is Monday June 25th

4. Superintendent's Report Thomas R. Scarice

4.1. Introduction of the new Board of Education videographer - Grace McFadden

Superintendent Scarice introduced the Board of Education's new videographer Grace McFadden for the 18-19 school year.

4.2. Recognize Ryan Tomicic - Board of Education Student Representative

Ryan was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

4.3. Daniel Hand High School Student Presentation - Results from the Search Institute Survey - Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors

Superintendent Scarice and 4 students from Daniel Hand High School shared the results of the Search Institute Survey taken last fall by all DHHS students with the Board of Education. Since late April/early May, Superintendent Scarice met with the four students on a weekly basis.

The students did not want this to be a typical presentation, but one that will wake up their peers, and wake up the adults in the community so that they accept that this is not a school problem, a parent problem, a MYFS problem, but perhaps the most vexing and critical problem that will face this entire community.

This is a topic that the District will continue to talk about and work on.

4.4. 5 year CIP/10 year Capital Maintenance Plan Presentation Bill McMinn

Bill McMinn reviewed the documents of the 5 year CIP/10 year Capital Maintenance Plan Presentation for the Board one last time, prior to the vote to adopt later in the meeting. The 10+year capital maintenance plan was necessitated by the failed building referendum last September. However, an updated 5 year CIP plan is an annual action item for the BOE as the CIP recommendations are due for submission by July 1 each year.

There were some Board members that voiced their concerns regarding the potential cost of the new playground.

4.5. Curriculum - Science/CTE Sarah Sandora and Dan Grenier

The Science/CTE curriculum units were brought to the Planning Committee this morning and are on the agenda tonight for adoption. Both the Science and CTE programs have been brought to Planning for regular updates throughout the curriculum revision cycle. Both programs are expected to have full K-12 adoption at the end of next school year, June 2019.

Sandra and Dan gave a presentation to the full Board at tonight's meeting.

4.6. Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

5. Board Members' Comments

No comments were made.

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

6.1. Planning Committee

Members: Jessica Bowler, Chair; Emily Rosenthal, Happy Marino

Ms. Bowler reported on the following:

Homework Survey

The district recently conducted a survey to parents, teachers and kids (9-12) along with focus groups with kids from 5-12 to re-examine the homework policy 3 years later.

Reconfiguration Planning

Reviewed the gantt chart and where the District is for planning for 2019-2020 changes.

CTE Curriculum

Dan Grenier attended the Planning Committee meeting earlier today and discussed the CTE curriculum we are voting on adopting tonight.

Science Curriculum

Sarah Sandora attended the Planning Committee meeting earlier today to discuss the Science curriculum we are voting on adopting tonight.

6.2. Personnel Committee

Members: Greg DeSantis, Chair, Violet McNerney, Tom Pellegrino

TEAMSTERS negotiations are ongoing.

6.3. Policy Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal Chair; Violet McNerney, Seth Klaskin

Ms. Rosenthal reported on the following:

The following policies went to the Policy Committee this evening. The policies will go to the full Board at the July 17th Board of Education meeting for 1st reading.

Policy #3150 - Medical Reimbursement for Special Education Students

Policy #5125.1 - Health/Medical Records

Policy #6161.3 - Comparability of Service

Policy #6090.10 - IEP/Special Education Program

Policy #5144.4 - Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students

Policy #6162.51 - Survey of Students (Student Privacy)

6.4. Finance Committee

Members: Happy Marino, Chair; Galen Cawley, Tom Pellegrino

Ms. Marino reported on the following:

The Board of Finance met earlier this evening. The committee reviewed the status of the 2017-18 budget. The District is looking at a projected deficit of \$100,057, which is largely driven by Special Education costs. This is roughly 20,000 more than we requested from the Special Ed Reserve Fund so we may need to request additional funds. The books close as of 6/30, however we leave them open for the month of July so we can reconcile any last invoices. Galen provided the Finance Committee with a report from the Facilities committee re: the 10 year plan and 5 year CIP.

6.5. LEARN Liaison

Emily Rosenthal

No report was given.

6.6. Facilities Committee

Members: Seth Klaskin, Chair, Galen Cawley, Greg DeSantis

Mr. DeSantis reported on the following:

The Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, June 12. The facilities committee received a report from Bill McMinn on planned facility work to be completed over the summer.

The committee discussed the 10 Year Master Facilities Plan and the 5 Year CIP Plan.

The BOS and BOF are invited to the Board of Education meeting on July 17, to make that a Tri-Board meeting for the purposes of officially introducing the 10YP.

The Facilities Committee will meet on Thursday, June 21 at 7:30pm .

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

No comments were made.

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

8.1. Bills Payable: \$164.55 2016-2017 Budget \$842,201.95 2017-2018 Budget

8.2. Line Transfers: \$69,499.96

8.3. Donation: \$1,250.57 from Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program to Island Avenue Elementary School take charge account.

8.4. Donation: \$4,000.00 from METER Group, Inc. to Walter C. Polson Middle School to support the Language Arts and Science Curriculum.

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by DeSantis to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

9. Action Item: Minutes of the June 5, 2018 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal seconded by Pellegrino to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

10. Action Item: To approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018 Board of Education Retreat.

MOTION: by McNerney seconded by Bowler approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018 Board of Education Retreat.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

11. Action Item: To approve the RESOLUTION TO RESTATE THE Madison Public Schools 403(b) RETIREMENT PLAN WHEREAS, the Madison Public Schools (“District”) maintains the Madison Public Schools 403(b) Retirement Plan (“Plan”); and WHEREAS, the District’s written plan document was adopted on October 31, 2008 (effective January 1, 2009) in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b) by the District’s Board of Education (“Board”); and WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) created an IRS pre-approved plan document program whereby the District could adopt an IRS pre-approved 403(b) plan document; WHEREAS, the Board desires to restate the Plan’s plan document onto an IRS pre-approved plan document; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Plan, as restated, is hereby approved and adopted. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District has caused this Resolution and Amendment to be adopted this 19th day of June, 2018. Madison Public Schools By:

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Rosenthal to approve the RESOLUTION TO RESTATE THE Madison Public Schools 403(b) RETIREMENT

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By:

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

- 12. Action Item:** Discuss and take action on a special appropriation request to the Town of Madison of \$120,000.

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Klaskin to discuss and take action on a special appropriation request to the Town of Madison of \$120,000

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

- 13. Action Item:** To adopt 10 year capital maintenance plan.

MOTION: by Facilities Committee to adopt 10 year capital maintenance plan.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

14. Action Item: To adopt 5 year CIP plan.

MOTION: by Facilities Committee to adopt 5 year CIP plan.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

15. Action Item: To adopt Science Curriculum

MOTION: by Planning Committee to adopt Science Curriculum.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

16. Action Item: To adopt CTE Curriculum

MOTION: by Planning Committee to adopt CTE Curriculum.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

17. Action Item: To approve the removal of used books and equipment (Ref. Policy #3260) (on file)

MOTION: by McNerney seconded by Rosenthal to approve the removal of used books and equipment.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

18. Action Item: To approve the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and the Director of Special Educations Contracts.

MOTION: by Pellegrino seconded by McNerney to approve the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and the Director of Special Educations Contracts

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

19. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

20. Future Agenda Items

No future items discussed.

21. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

June, July, August 2018

2018-2019 BOE and Committee Meeting Dates

22. Adjournment

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by McNerney to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Approved at the July 17, 2018 Board of Education Meeting