

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
November 12, 2019
7:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Attendance

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent Thomas Scarice at 7:33 p.m. Superintendent Scarice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kirk Barneby, Greg DeSantis, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Violet McNerney, Catherine Miller, Tom Pellegrino, Emily Rosenthal, Katie Stein

2. Election of Board Officers (Ref. Bylaw #9410)

2.1. Election of Temporary Board Chairperson

Superintendent Scarice called for nominations for a temporary board chairperson. Mr. Pellegrino nominated Katie Stein as the temporary board chairperson. Mr. Barneby seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous, 8-0.

2.2. Election of Board Chairperson

Katie Stein called for nominations for a board chairperson. Mr. Pellegrino nominated Katie Stein for the position of Board Chairperson. Mr. Barneby seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous, 8-0.

2.3. Election of Board Vice-Chair

Chairman Stein called for nominations for a board vice-chairperson. Mr. DeSantis nominated Kirk Barneby for the position of board vice-chairperson. Mrs. McNerney seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous, 8-0.

2.4. Election of Board Secretary

Chairman Stein called for nominations for a board secretary. Mrs. McNerney nominated Emily Rosenthal for the position of board secretary. Mr. Barneby seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous, 8-0.

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

3.1. Welcome Newly Appointed Board Members

Chair Katie Stein and Superintendent Scarice welcomed Diane Infantine-Vyce and Catherine Miller to the Board of Education.

3.2. Public Participation

No public comment.

4. Recognition

4.1. Rebecca Coiteux

Rebecca Coiteux was hired during the summer of 2012 to serve as the Brown Middle School Assistant Principal. Rebecca served in the capacity and most recently the assistant principal at Polson Middle School for the past 8 years. Admired for her leadership skills, her relations with staff, students and parents, and for her constant willingness to support a variety of district-wide initiatives, Rebecca will be missed as she begins to transition to the next chapter of her professional career as Principal of Canton Intermediate School effective December 2, 2019. Due to child care issues, Mrs. Coiteux could not be here tonight.

4.2. Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents Student Leadership Award (CAPSS) Anne Barrett and Isaiah McNeilly

Mr. Salutari has been delayed this evening and this agenda item will be presented later in the meeting. Mr. DeSantis asked that a motion be made to postpone this report until Mr. Salutari arrives.

MOTION: by DeSantis, seconded by Pellegrino to postpone presenting agenda item 4.2.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

5. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Jacqueline Sandor and Eric Dillner

Eric Dillner provided tonight's report. On November 2, 2019, the Robotics Team took first place at the Vex Robotics Qualifier, securing a place in the Southern New England Championship competition next year. Last weekend PSAT testing occurred, as well as CIAC playoffs. Veterans Day assembly occurred yesterday; the veterans gave all members of the football team hand warmers. Fall play, Canterbury Tales, begins next weekend.

6. Appoint two Capital Improvement Program Members

Emily Rosenthal nominated Katie Stein and Kirk Barneby as the two Capital Improvement Program members. Mrs. McNerney seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous, 8-0.

7. Superintendent's Report

Thomas R. Scarice

Order of agenda items are being changed to accommodate students and Mr. Salutari.

7.1. Student Civics Action Plan - Greece Field Trip

Anna Steffen, a junior at DHHS, is helping Martin Glasser plan a trip to Greece as part of her Civics Action Plan. Anna has researched places in Greece to visit and has submitted a travel itinerary to Explorica, the educational travel company responsible for arranging the trip. Anna presented the travel itinerary which is scheduled for spring of 2021. The Board will take action at the December 3, 2019 meeting.

7.2. Review of 2020-2021 Budget Calendar

Mr. Barneby addressed the budget calendar. A number of board members felt discussions should take place at the full board level and changes to the calendar reflect that. We eliminated the formal adoption of budget assumptions and are proposing the first workshop take place on December 10. Finance Committee meetings prior to December 10 are cancelled, with one scheduled for December 17. Additional workshops are already in place – Workshop #2 on December 17 and #3 on January 7, with final action taking place on January 21. Budget books will be distributed for the December 17 meeting.

7.3. Review of 2020-2021 Budget Assumptions

Superintendent Scarice explained the process of creating budget assumptions to the new board members. Dollar amounts associated with the assumptions will be added for the December 10 budget workshop.

Return to **4.2. Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents Student Leadership Award (CAPSS)**
Anne Barrett and Isaiah McNeilly

Daniel Hand High School
2019-20 CAPSS Award Recipients
BOE Bios

Leadership Service, Academic Prowess, Service to Others in the Community

Annie Barrett

It is my pleasure to introduce to you Annie Barrett as one of Daniel Hand High School's recipients of the 2019-20 Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents Award.

Annie is an incredibly well-rounded and highly successful young adult. She has selected, and excelled in many of the most rigorous courses offered in our program of studies. Her contributions in and out of the classroom, a conscientious work ethic, and lofty expectations have led to a high level of success in all her endeavors. Annie enjoys all academic disciplines but has the greatest interest in the science field. Annie also enjoys math and Spanish courses but no matter her personal preference, she is always highly engaged and an active participant in class. Teachers value Annie as an important member of our school community. Her contributions in the classroom are thought-provoking and lead to deeper discussions with her peers and her teachers.

In addition to a rigorous course load, Annie is incredibly involved in numerous extracurricular activities. Some examples of her involvement include the fact that she is the Editor-in-Chief of our School Yearbook Committee, the captain of our highly successful varsity tennis team, and a competitive member of the Backstage Dance Center. Annie has volunteered at Yale University, Yale-New Haven Hospital, and Madison Youth and Family Services. As a volunteer with Madison Youth and Family Services, Annie serves as a peer advocate, participates in crisis management, and assists senior citizens with household projects. While volunteering at Yale-New Haven hospital, Annie has greeted patients, responded to questions from visitors, supported staff and patients, and cared for infants and toddlers in their daycare center.

Annie's volunteer work with the Aortic Institute at Yale University as a student in research is quite impressive. In this role, she has analyzed data, attended both lectures and research team

meetings, prepared visual abstracts for presentations, and anticipates the publication of the results of her research in an academic journal.

Annie's drive to succeed has earned her numerous academic awards from the Social Studies, Physical Education, English, and Mathematics Departments at Daniel Hand. As you can imagine, she is proud of being inducted into the National Honor Society. Annie plans to pursue a liberal arts degree followed by a career in science. Annie will tell you that she likes to know "how people work" and plans to use this knowledge as a foundation when she enters the medical field.

Annie is a young woman of integrity and flawless character. She is supportive of others, caring, mature, and responsible. Annie is selfless and has already helped improve the lives of those around her. She is looking forward to continuing on this path in a more formal role in the future. Despite all of her accomplishments and worth noting is the fact that Annie always remains humble and personable.

She is an outstanding young adult who is clearly deserving of this special recognition. Congratulations Annie.

Isaiah McNeilly

It is my pleasure to introduce to you Isaiah McNeilly as one of Daniel Hand High School's recipients of the 2019-20 Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents Award.

Isaiah is a driven young adult fully committed to success. High academic achievement is a clear priority as evidenced by incredible accomplishment in many of our most rigorous courses. In the classroom, Isaiah is organized and well-prepared. He is strong in mathematics and science and finds the process of applying specific theories and formulas especially intriguing. Isaiah has strong communication skills and is a critical thinker and reader who has developed into a natural leader in the classroom. Teachers genuinely value his contributions and view him as a role model for others.

Isaiah's involvement outside of the classroom is not only comprehensive, but quite impressive. For a few examples, he has been selected by his peers to serve as captain of our incredibly successful football team and our track and field team. He has received All-SCC, All-Area, All-State, and National Qualification honors as a javelin thrower. Isaiah has served as a volunteer coach for Madison Youth Football, has coordinated coaching Tiger football camp, and is a member of the high school football team's leadership council. Beyond athletics, Isaiah is the president of our Uganda Club, a member of Habitat for Humanity, a member of the Diversity Club, and a member of a Special Education Support Group. He has volunteered his time at the Special Olympics for the past three years and is fully involved in our district-based special education program known as Tiger Tracks. Isaiah has found the time to develop his own lawn care service and works up to 15 hours per week. Due to his very high interest in mechanical engineering, he has been hired to repair and refurbish boat motors and due to his skillset in this area, he has been hired by Sound Boatworks for the past two years. Isaiah is very proud of the fact that his knowledge and skills in mechanics and engineering are mostly self-taught.

Isaiah's consistent efforts have earned him numerous awards in academics and athletics that include induction into the National Honor Society. He has set high standards for himself and has done his best to ensure the high degree of success he has earned.

Isaiah is a remarkable young man who is determined to succeed. His energy, commitment to others, and a sense of empathy, a sense that is not typically seen in people his age, have afforded him the ability to improve the lives of those around him. Isaiah recognizes and embraces the

positive impact that one person can have on many individuals and the community. He is an outstanding student, leader, and overall person who is clearly deserving of this special recognition.

Congratulations Isaiah.

7.4. 2019-2020 Strategic Plan Administration Recommendations

Superintendent Scarice provided history regarding the Strategic Plan, which was adopted 1-1/2 years ago and reviewed twice. A new strategic objective regarding communications, with the title “Actively Communicate and Promote the Value of the School District”, has been added to the plan. A handout was provided which included the Map of Objectives, the Balanced Scorecard with measures & initiatives, the communication measure detail and the initiative charter.

7.5. Review of 2020-2021 Program of Studies

Mr. Salutari gave a Power Point presentation which detailed minor adjustments to the Program of Studies. These include course title changes within the Art, CTE, English, Math and World Language departments.

7.6. State Testing Individual Student Reports

Mrs. Dahling Hench provided details regarding administration and mailing of the state testing reports. Reports are administered in spring of a preceding school year and are mailed home in October/November. Last year, reports were mailed on November 8; this year, they were received October 17 and mailed October 26. The mailing includes both the SBAC and Science (NGSS) test results, along with a letter to the parents.

7.7. Other Matters

- Superintendent Scarice distributed the published article that Liz Battaglia co-wrote.
- In an effort to thwart any potential problems at the upcoming home football game against Shelton, 4 police officers will be onsite and we have asked for 2 more. Shelton will be sending their administrators and SRO as well.
- Superintendent Scarice will be the guest speaker at Shabbat services Friday, November 15 at 7:15 p.m. at Temple Beth Tikvah.

8. Board Members' Comments

No comments.

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

9.1. Curriculum and Student Development

Dr. Karin Hess, an international / national author and co-designer of the ELA portion of the SBAC, was in district October 4 and 5. Dr. Hess worked with the Curriculum Council and board members joined the group on October 5 to view the group in action. Dr. Hess will be returning in March. Our post-PD survey spoke very favorably to having her in district and the opportunity to work with her.

9.2. Communications Committee

No report.

9.3. Facilities Committee

No report.

9.4. Finance Committee

No report.

9.5. Personnel Committee

No report.

9.6. Policy Committee

Mr. DeSantis reported that the Policy Committee met this evening. Topics of discussion included the Lunch Charging Policy and the Homeless Student Policy, both of which will be brought forward to the December 3 Board of Education meeting. The committee also addressed the 2020/2021 calendar and will continue discussions at a newly-scheduled meeting on December 3. The group is in the very beginning stages of reviewing suggested changes to policies 0000 – 3999.

9.7. LEARN Liaison

No report.

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

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

11.1. Budget Expenditure as of November 5, 2019

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

12. Action Items: To approve minutes of the October 29, 2019 Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Barneby to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

AYES: Barneby, DeSantis, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

13. Action Item: To approve the 2020-2021 Program of Studies

MOTION: by DeSantis, seconded by Rosenthal to approve the 2020-2021 Program of Studies.

AYES: Barneby, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller,
Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

14. Action Item: To approve the 2020 - 2021 Budget Calendar

MOTION: by Pellegrino, seconded by DeSantis to
approve the 2020-2021 Budget Calendar.
AYES: Barneby, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller,
Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**15. Action Item: To approve Policy #5120.3.4 - Management Plan and Guidelines for Students with
Food Allergies, Glycogen Storage Disease and/or Diabetes**

MOTION: by Rosenthal to approve Policy #5120.3.4 –
Management Plan and Guidelines for Students with
Food Allergies, Glycogen Storage Disease and/or
Diabetes.
AYES: Barneby, DeSantis, McNerney, Pellegrino, Rosenthal,
Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce, Miller
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

16. Action Item: To approve Policy #5144.4 - Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline

MOTION: by Rosenthal to approve Policy #5144.4 –
Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student
Discipline.
AYES: Barneby, DeSantis, McNerney, Pellegrino, Rosenthal,
Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce, Miller
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

17. Action Item: To approve Policy #6146 - Graduation Requirements

MOTION: by Barneby to approve Policy #6146 –
Graduation Requirements.
AYES: Barneby, DeSantis, McNerney, Pellegrino, Rosenthal,
Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce, Miller
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

18. Action Item: To approve Sunscreen Application in School Policy

MOTION: by DeSantis to approve Sunscreen Application in School Policy.

AYES: Barneby, DeSantis, McNerney, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce, Miller

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

19. Old Business

20. Future Agenda Items – Adopt Committee Appointments

21. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

22. Adjournment

MOTION: by DeSantis, seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn the meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

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