

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:30 PM

Town Campus Hammonasset Room/Zoom  
10 Campus Drive  
Madison, CT 06443

## **Subject to Approval**

## **Meeting Minutes**

*Video documentation of these proceedings can be found in the Meetings/Minutes section of the website.*

### **I. Call to Order / Attendance**

The regular meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Seth Klaskin at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Christine Maisano, Catherine Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent, Anthony Salutari Jr., Daniel Hand High School Principal; Kathryn Hart, Polson Middle School Principal; members of the public

### **II. School / Community Session**

No members of the public spoke.

### **III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report**

*Lucy Fritzing and Eli Ackerman*

Eli reported that AP testing concludes on May 12, the search for a new Board of Education student rep is ongoing, class officer applications are open, junior prom is coming up, and that it is Teacher Appreciation Week. Lucy reported that senior picture day is coming up and shared information about various concerts, performances, athletic events, and shows coming up in the last month of school.

### **IV. Superintendent's Report**

*Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.*

CABE Student Leadership Award – Dr. Cooke introduced the CABE Student Leadership Awards Program which is designed to honor Connecticut High School and Middle School students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. Mr. Salutari introduced the two high school winners, Alice Walker and Kiran Pathy, and read a brief biography of their accomplishments. Mrs. Hart introduced the two middle school winners, Owen Scheps and Katherine Rizzo, and read a brief biography of their accomplishments.

CAPSS Superintendent's Recognition Award – Dr. Cooke introduced the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendent's Student Award Recognition Program which is designed to honor students who excel in the areas of community service, academic prowess, and leadership in the school community. Mr. Salutari introduced the two winners, Madeline Coulis and Federico Barrera, and read a brief biography of their accomplishments.

National School Nurse Day - Dr. Cooke recognized our school nurses and thanked them for all of the work they do to care for our students. Nurse Supervisor Stephanie Lesnik was in attendance to represent the nursing staff. She said she has an excellent staff and shared that a new nurse has been hired for Jeffrey School. She thanked the administration for its support of the nursing staff.

Teacher Appreciation Week – It is Teacher Appreciation Week and Dr. Cooke thanked all of our teachers for the incredible job they do educating our students. MEA President Mike Ginsburg was in attendance to represent the teaching staff. He thanked the Board and the Administration for their support on behalf of all teachers.

Madison ABC Program: Andrew Onubogu – Andrew spoke to the Board about his experience at Daniel Hand, the opportunities he had here through the ABC program, and what he feels the District could do to be more inclusive.

#### V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin thanked the nurses and teaching staff for all they do. Mr. Klaskin also shared that he and Mrs. Connelly attended an interesting presentation at the high school given by the FBI on how identify individuals who have the potential to become threats.

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

No members of the public spoke.

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

- Line Item Transfers as of May 4, 2023
- Budget Expenditures as of May 4, 2023

#### VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Cawley to approved the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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

##### Curriculum and Student Development

*Members: Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly*

Mr. Pynn reported that the committee met this evening and heard three presentations. The first was a presentation on an upcoming German Exchange program from Martin Glasser. The German students will travel to the US and stay with DHHS families for two weeks in the fall of 2023. The second was a presentation from CTE coordinator Dan Grenier on a newly approved CTE Dual Enrollment opportunity for students at both Goodwin University and Quinnipiac University. The third was an update from Catherine Kennedy and Ron Spears on the Advisory Program at the high school.

##### Facilities Committee

*Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Steven Pynn, Diane Infantine-Vyce*

Mrs. Rosenthal reported that the committee met that evening at Brown Intermediate School. Facilities Director Bill McMinn gave them a tour of Brown, highlighting work that is set to begin this summer including adding in bathrooms, updating group bathrooms, and improving the front office. Mr. McMinn also updated the committee on the project budget and additional improvements.

#### Finance Committee

*Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Christine Maisano, Emily Rosenthal*

No report.

#### Personnel Committee

*Members: Maureen Lewis, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly*

No report.

#### Policy Committee

*Members: Diane Infantine-Vyce, Chair; Maureen Lewis, Galen Cawley*

Dr. Infantine-Vyce reviewed the following policies on the agenda this evening:

Policies for Rescission, Waive Second Reading:

- 5110.2 - Detention
- 5090.8.1.2 - Vehicle Searches on School Grounds
- 5090.2 - Student Involvement in Decision Making
- 5090.2.1 - Student Government
- 5090.2.2 - Student Advisory Councils
- 5090.4 - Student Publications
- 5090.4.1 - Underground Publications
- 5100.2 - School-Sponsored Events

Policies for a First Reading:

- 9220.4 - Board Member Removal from Office
- 4150 - Acceptable Use of Computer Equipment and Related Systems, Software and Networks
- 5210 - Acceptable Use of Computer Equipment and Related Systems, Software and Networks
- 5090.9 - Use of Private Technological Devices by Students

#### LEARN Liaison

*Mary Ann Connelly*

No report.

X. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 5110.2 - Detention, 5090.8.1.2 - Vehicle Searches on School Grounds, 5090.2 - Student Involvement in Decision Making, 5090.2.1 - Student Government, 5090.2.2 - Student Advisory Councils, 5090.4 - Student Publications, 5090.4.1 - Underground Publications, 5100.2 - School-Sponsored Events

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies:  
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School Grounds, 5090.2 - Student Involvement in Decision Making, 5090.2.1 - Student Government, 5090.2.2 - Student Advisory Councils, 5090.4 - Student Publications, 5090.4.1 - Underground Publications, 5100.2 - School-Sponsored Events.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to approved the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

AYES: Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Cawley

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0 – 1

XII. Action Item: Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a student discipline issue.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Lewis to enter into Executive Session.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to return to Regular Session

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to return to Regular Session.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIV. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Pynn requested the Board receive a presentation on CTE next year.

XV. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to  
adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis,  
Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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