

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
June 07, 2016
6:00 PM
Daniel Hand High School Senior Commons**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Attendance

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chair Jean Fitzgerald at 6:10 p.m. Chairman Fitzgerald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jessica Bowler; Jean Fitzgerald; Katie Stein

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

Galen Cawley entered the meeting at 6:26 PM

Happy Marino entered the meeting at 6:28 PM

Alison Keating entered the meeting at 6:56 PM

2. Recognition/Reception for Retirees

2.1. CABA Student Leadership Award Daniel Hand High School – Paige Calvert

Superintendent Scarice read the following letter from CABA regarding Paige Calvert.

Dear Miss Paige Calvert:

Congratulations for being chosen to receive CABA's Student Leadership Award!

Leadership is a quality that is hard to define, but remains critical to our society. CABA has developed criteria that help to define leadership. Your Principal received a list of these criteria and was asked to name Daniel Hand High School students who met them. Your Principal considers you such a School Leader!

We are pleased to present you, together with other Student Leaders across Connecticut, with our twentieth annual CABA Student Leadership Award. You should take pride in the recognition bestowed upon you. We encourage you to continue to think and act like a leader.

Again, our congratulations and all the best to you in your future endeavors!

Mr. Salutari made the following comments regarding Paige Calvert.

Paige is a mature, poised, self-confident, and well-adjusted young lady. She is an independent thinker and an open-minded individual who is accepting of people's differences. She is kind and friendly to others, and treats everyone she encounters with the utmost respect. Paige's integrity is unquestionable and her character is exemplary.

Paige is an intelligent and conscientious student who has excelled at Daniel Hand. Highly focused and self-motivated, she prioritizes her work load and manages her time incredibly well. An enthusiastic and eager learner, Paige prefers to be challenged. Her disciplined work ethic has been an asset to her as she has tackled some of the most rigorous courses available at Daniel Hand. Paige's determination and persistence have aided in her success and will surely be beneficial to her as she approaches challenging college coursework next year. Teachers routinely report that Paige is a pleasure to have in class. Her positive attitude, courteous demeanor, and cooperative manner in dealing with others make her a welcome addition to any school environment. She is an articulate contributor during class discussions and is always willing to offer her informed opinions and insights to the topic at hand. The numerous academic awards Paige has achieved, along with her induction to the National Honor Society this past spring, is a testament to the admiration and respect she has earned from the DHHS faculty.

Outside of the classroom, Paige juggles a busy extracurricular schedule. A charismatic leader respected by others, Paige is a member of the Student Leadership Team and she is a student representative for the Madison Board of Education. Her active participation in these activities has afforded her the opportunity to effect change and make improvements in our school community. Passionate about dance, Paige has devoted much of her free time to ballet for many years. Her talent and enthusiasm for ballet have been used to help others in the community through Shared Ability, a program where individuals from her dance company perform along with teens and young adults who suffer from mental and physical disabilities, and Ballerina Buddies, a program developed by Paige that gives children who are receiving hospital treatment the chance to be a ballerina during their stay at the hospital. In the community, Paige is an avid volunteer at the local library. She takes her responsibilities at the library very seriously and the staff members have been highly impressed with her commitment, initiative, drive, and maturity. As a result, they have, consequently, named her Assistant Teen Librarian.

Paige has high aspirations for her future and she possesses the personal qualities that will allow her to achieve all of her goals. She is bright, ambitious, determined, and remarkably hardworking.

2.2. 2016 Madison Public Schools Retirees

Superintendent Scarice introduced Mr. Ron Soja and the Daniel Hand High School encore group who performed. Superintendent Scarice thanked Mr. Ron Soja and the Daniel Hand High School encore.

Superintendent Scarice introduced the following Madison Public Schools employees Frank Henderson, Anthony Salutari, Kathryn Hart, Bill McMinn, Sandra Bizier, Julie Phelps and Maria Barnikow who each spoke on behalf of their respective retirees at their schools. The following are the retirees: Margaret Dixon, Judith Keane, Nancy

Lynch, Eileen Regan, Susan Sadowski, Diane Vanacore and Catherine Williams. Janet Conlon was not in attendance.

On behalf of the entire Board Ms. Fitzgerald thanked all of the retirees for their years of service. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that combined there were over 269 years of service by the retirees.

The Board meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m. for the retiree's reception.

3. Business Session - Daniel Hand High School Library Media Center Classroom

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:13 p.m. for the business portion of the meeting.

Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment did not attend the business portion of the meeting.

Aidan Hughes, Board of Education Student Representative did not attend the business portion of the meeting.

4. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Paige Calvert and Aidan Hughes

Mr. Hughes did not attend the business portion of the Board meeting.

Ms. Calvert noted that senior brunch will be taking place and that graduation is scheduled for this Friday. Ms. Calvert also stated that prom was amazing and went off without a hitch.

5. Superintendent's Report

Thomas R. Scarice

5.1. Summer Projects

Superintendent Scarice distributed a list of summer projects to the Board members.

5.2. Other Matters

Superintendent Scarice noted that there are currently 2,900 students registered for the 2016-2017 school year.

6. Board Members' Comments

No comments were made.

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

7.1. Planning Committee

Members: Jessica Bowler, Chair; Galen Cawley

Planning has not met since the last Board of Education Meeting. No report was given.

7.2. Personnel Committee

Members: John Dean, Chair, Alison Keating, Happy Marino

Ms. Keating reported that the contract with MAESS was ratified. Ms. Keating stated that it was a good proposal.

7.3. Policy Committee

Members: Alison Keating, Chair; Katie Stein, Seth Klaskin

7.3.1. Policy #6080.3 - Mathematics Education (Second Reading)

7.3.2. Policy #6080.2 - English Language Arts Education (Second Reading)

Ms. Keating stated that Policy #6080.3 and Policy #6080.2 will be going to the full Board on June 21, 2016 for a third reading.

7.4. Finance Committee

Members: Alison Keating, Jessica Bowler

The committee has not met since the last Board of Education Meeting. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for this evening following the Board meeting.

7.5. LEARN Liaison

Liaison: Katie Stein

No report was given. The next LEARN meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2016.

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

No comments were made.

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

9.1. Bills Payable: \$535.22 - 2014-2015 Budget and \$565,609.36 - 2015-2016 Budget

9.2. Line Transfers: \$668,610.75

9.3. Budget Expenditure Report as of June 1, 2016

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

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald;
Keating; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

10. Action Item: Minutes of the May 3, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Stein to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2016 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald; Keating; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

11. Action Item: Minutes of the May 17, 2016 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Marino seconded by Stein to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2016 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald; Keating; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

12. Action Item: To accept the resignation of Cynthia Mead and declare the position vacant.

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Cawley to accept the resignation of Cynthia Mead and declare the position vacant.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald; Keating; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

13. Action Item: Call for Nominations for Board Vice-Chair

Chairman Fitzgerald called for Nominations for Election of Board Vice-Chair

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Cawley to nominate Alison Keating as the Board Vice-Chair.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald; Keating; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

14. Action Item: To appoint a Chair person for the Board of Education Finance Committee

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Cawley to nominate a Chair person for the Board of Education Finance Committee

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald; Keating; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

15. Action Item: Call for Nominations for Board of Education Finance Committee Chair person

Chairman Fitzgerald called for Nominations for a Board of Education Finance Committee Chair person

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Cawley to
nominate Alison Keating as the Chair person for
the Board of Education Finance Committee
AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald;
Keating; Marino; Stein
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

16. Action Item: To appoint a Chair person for the Board of Education Policy Committee

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Keating to
nominate a Chair person for the Board of
Education Policy Committee
AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald;
Keating; Marino; Stein
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

17. Action Item: Call for Nominations for Board of Education Policy Committee Chair person

Chairman Fitzgerald called for Nominations for a Board of Education Policy Committee Chair person

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Keating to
nominate Katie Stein as the Chair person for
the Board of Education Policy Committee
AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald;
Keating; Marino; Stein
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

18. Action Item: To approve the MAESS bargaining agreement for the period of 7/1/16 – 6/30/19”.

MOTION: by the Personnel Committee to
approve the MAESS bargaining agreement for the
period of 7/1/16 – 6/30/19”.
AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald;
Keating; Marino; Stein
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

19. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

20. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.

21. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)
June 2016 Calendar

22. Adjournment

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Keating to
adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Fitzgerald; Keating;
Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

To be approved at the June 21, 2016 BOE meeting
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