

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 05, 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 Chair Katie Stein at 7:33 p.m. Chairman Stein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kirk Barneby; Galen Cawley; Greg DeSantis; Violet McNerney; Tom Pellegrino, Emily Rosenthal; Katie Stein

Seth Klaskin entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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. National School Counseling Week - February 4-8, 2019

Superintendent Scarice stated the following:

National School Counseling Week 2019, "School Counselors: Providing Lessons for Life," was celebrated from February 4-8, 2019, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February. Our School Counseling team was invited to join us for our cancelled February meeting. This evening three of the school counselors were able to join Rachel Kilian, Eliza Haynes and Don Cramer. Superintendent went on to thank the school counselors for their hard work and dedication to the District.

Ms. Stein also stated that she is grateful to the school counselors for they do for the students as well as the parents.

2.1.2. Connecticut Board of Education Member Appreciation Month

Superintendent Scarice noted the following:

The month of March has been designated by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) as the Connecticut Board of Education Member Appreciation month.

Superintendent Scarice stated that the District would like to express their gratitude with a small token of appreciation for the time, energy and commitment it takes to volunteer yourself to the Madison Public Schools.

2.2. Public Participation

No comments were made.

3. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Ryan Tomicic and Jacqueline Sandor (Ryan was unable to attend the meeting)

Jacqueline reported the following:

Trimester 2 is winding down. Trimester 2 exams start next week Trimester 3 begins March 18th.

4. Superintendent's Report

4.1. District Reconfiguration Update

The guiding Gantt chart for the reconfiguration process was updated recently. The chart can be found here:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1548969043/madison/fx17tuuaauk863r1pnpf/BUILDINGReconfigurationTimelineUpdatedOctober2018.pdf>

Many of the tasks are at, or nearing completion, particularly in the area of staffing. The most significant tasks lie in the facilities work of moving and relocating. I will provide an overall update on this project, as it is a significant and ambitious plan that is coming along on schedule.

Superintendent Scarice and Mr. Dahling-Hench gave updates on:

Planning for the 2019-2020 move

Update on the changes in the music program at Brown
Curriculum and Assessment Work related to redistricting

4.2. Other Matters

Monday, March 11th at 8:30 AM in the Hammonasset Room a Tri State meeting will take place.

Superintendent Scarice spoke about an event that took place back in November in New Haven regarding anti-semitism. Superintendent Scarice asked what do we do to educate students during these trying times.

5. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin reported the VIBE took home title of Grand Champions a few ago in New York

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

6.1. Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair; Emily Rosenthal, Kirk Barneby

No report was given.

6.2. Communications Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal Chair; Greg DeSantis, Kirk Barneby

Ms. Rosenthal reported on the following:

The Communication Committee met tonight to plan for our upcoming communication piece, focused on the outdoor play and learning project at Brown School. We also discussed future topics including the new Brown school program, per pupil expenditures, and the balanced scorecard. Our last piece, on the budget, was posted February 8th. Each column is posted on the BOE "From the Board" website, as well as district and town social media. We always provide links to more information and notify readers of upcoming meetings and events.

We also discussed ongoing and upcoming outreach in the community.
Our next meeting is April 9th.

Please remember that the focus of these communications is the work of the board and how that affects the town. Please spread the word and share widely. If you have any suggestions for future topics, please let any one of the committee members know.

6.3. Facilities Committee

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

Mr. Klaskin reported on the following:

This summer facilities will be busy with the move.
Polson will be used as the swing space for the furniture move.
The high school track surface will be replaced.
CIP update – still on track for July 1st.
Tri Board Working Group report - still on track for April 1st.
Reconfiguration update – on schedule.

6.4. Finance Committee

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

No report was given.

6.5. Personnel Committee

Tom Pellegrino, Chair, Violet McNerney, Happy Marino

Mr. Pellegrino reported on the following:

On Feb 6 and 7, I sat on a review committee, along with Tom Banisch, Deb Milardo, Superintendent Scarice, Stacy Nobitz and run by Heather Dobson. We interviewed four candidates for the open position of new insurance broker/consultant for the town. The interview process was thorough, informative and went well. The panel recommended follow up reference checks and will be reporting shortly back to the respective boards.

Ms. Stein and I are serving on the review panel for the hiring of a new assistant principal. This is occurring this month.

Bill Connon, our attorney for the Teamster negotiations has reached out to the Teamsters counsel for purposes of moving the discussions forward to the next appropriate step.

The Personnel Committee will be meeting shortly to begin the regular annual review of administrator contracts out of the superintendent's office

6.6. Policy Committee

Members: Greg DeSantis Chair; Violet McNerney, Seth Klaskin

**6.6.1. Policy #5110.4 - Suspension/Expulsion/Exclusion from School Activities
(Third Reading)**

**6.6.2. Policy #5144 - Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out
(Third Reading)**

Mr. DeSantis stated Policy #5110.4 and Policy #5144 are being presented as third reading tonight and will be voted on later in the meeting.

6.7. LEARN Liaison

Rotating

Mr. Pellegrino reported on the following:

Mr. Pellegrino attended the LEARN meeting on Feb 7. We received legislative updates, reviewed regional transportation updates, and also heard a presentation on the current issues surrounding Kindergarten entry dates, along with universal Pre K.

6.8. Tri-Board Working Group for Board of Education Facilities

Members: Kirk Barneby; Galen Cawley; Al Goldberg, Jean Ferris; Jude Friedman; Bennett Pudlin

Mr. Barneby reported on the following:

A set of pros/cons have been compiled regarding the various options for a 5,4 and 3 schools District.

A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to meet with Collier.

A meeting will take place with the Board of Education, Board of Finance and the Board of selectman to go over the options.

Superintendent Scarice stated that the Board will take action for CIP in June.

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

Superintendent introduced 2 sophomore students from DHHS to talk about their film project. Noting that they will be conducting a 20/30 minute Q/A once a month.

The students stated that they are doing a story for Fox 61 Student News regarding the BOE Student Representatives.

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

8.1. Bills Payable: 2017-2018 - \$20,500.00; 2018-2019 - \$865,968.75

8.2. Line Transfers: February 12, 2019 - \$99,072.26; March 5, 2019 - \$269,064.05

8.3. Budget Expenditure as of February 28, 2019

8.4. Donation: \$1,000 from Brown School PTO to Brown School

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

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney;
Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Mr. DeSantis thanked the Brown School PTO for their generous donation.

9. Action Item: Minutes of the January 22, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Barneby seconded by Klaskin
to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Board of
Education Meeting.

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney;
Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

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

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by DeSantis to approve
the removal of used books and equipment.

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney;
Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

11. Action Item: To approve Policy #5110.4 - Suspension/Expulsion/Exclusion from School Activities

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve Policy
#5110.4 - Suspension/ Expulsion/Exclusion from School
Activities.

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney;
Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

12. Action Item: To approve Policy #5144 - Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve Policy #5144 - Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

13. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

14. Future Agenda Items

15. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

16. Action Item: To enter in Executive Session to discuss the Mid-Year Evaluation of the Superintendent.

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Cawley to enter in Executive Session to discuss the Mid-Year Evaluation of the Superintendent at 8:27 p.m.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

17. Adjournment

MOTION: by Barneby seconded by Klaskin to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Approved at the March 19, 2019 BOE Meeting

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