

Madison Public Schools Board of Education
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room & Zoom

Diane Infantine-Vyce called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Diane Infantine-Vyce (chair), Galen Cawley, Jr. (via Zoom), Maureen Lewis (via Zoom, arrived 6:50 p.m.)

Also present: Craig Cooke, Seth Klaskin, and Zoe Roos (Zoom admin)

Recorder: Diane Infantine-Vyce

Policy Notes from Shipman & Goodwin (S&G) were provided with explanations for all policies discussed.

Discussed the following policies for rescission:

- #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 – we do not have one
- #5090.4 – Student Publications
- #5090.4.1 – Underground Publications
- #5100.2 – School-Sponsored Events – procedures vary by school

All of the above policies were discussed. The committee voted 3-0-0 to recommend to move these policies forward to the Board for rescission and to also recommend waiving the second reading.

- #5090.4.2 – Freedom of Speech/Written and Oral Expression – reviewed for rescission; after discussion, committee decided to refer to S&G for further review.
- #9220.3 – Board Member Resignation & #9220.5 Unexpired Term Fulfillment/Vacancies were discussed. The committee had previously discussed not using the 2nd revised version of #9220.5 (Filling Vacancies on the Board) from S&G because it does not align with the Madison Town Charter, which supersedes Board policy. The committee decided the first revision of #9220.3 (Filling Vacancies on the Board) by S&G was acceptable and includes the old version of policy #9220.5 (Unexpired Term Fulfillment/Vacancies). Therefore, policy #9220.5 will need to be rescinded when the new policy #9220.3 (Filling Vacancies on the Board) is recommended for rescind and replace. Both policies were tabled for a vote tonight despite coming to consensus due to the overlap with the S&G policy Board Officers which addresses Executive Committee Member resignation. That policy will be reviewed and the three policies will be voted on together.
- #9220.4 – Removal of Board Officers (formerly Board Member Removal from Office) was reviewed. After discussion, the committee voted 2-1-0 to amend line 26 to 2/3 vote of entire board, line 56 to 2/3 vote of members present, and line 69 with 2/3 vote of all members of the board and move this policy forward to the Board for rescind and replace (vote 2-1-0, DI & GC for, ML against)
- #4150 – Employee Use of the District's Computer Systems (formerly Acceptable Use of Computer Equipment and Related Systems, Software and Networks) was reviewed and discussed with the associated regulation. Changes were made to align the policy wording with the regulation. The committee voted 3-0-0 to recommend to move the policy forward to the Board with the new revisions.
- #5210 – Student Use of the District's Computer Systems and Internet Safety (formerly Acceptable Use of Computer Equipment and Related Systems, Software and Networks) was reviewed and discussed with the associated regulation. Changes were made to align the policy wording with the regulation and with the wording in Policy #4150. The committee voted 3-0-0 to recommend to move the policy forward to the Board with the new revisions.
- #5090.9 – Use of Private Technology Devices by Students (formerly Electronic Communication Device) was reviewed and line 23 was changed to "...refers to but is not limited to...". The committee voted 3-0-0 to recommend to move the policy forward to the Board with the new revisions.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.