

## **SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

**Madison Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
December 17, 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 Vice Chair Kirk Barneby at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Barneby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kirk Barneby, Galen Cawley, Greg DeSantis, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Violet McNerney, Catherine Miller, Tom Pellegrino, Emily Rosenthal.

Also present: Thomas Scarice, Superintendent of Schools, Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Elizabeth Battaglia, Director of Special Education and Student Services; Heather Dobson, Human Resources Director; Bill McMinn, Director of Facilities; Stacy Nobitz, Director of Finance; Anthony Salutari, DHHS Principal; Brian Bodner and Melanie Whitcher; DHHS Assistant Principals; Kathryn Hart, Polson Principal; Frank Henderson, Brown Principal; Kelly Spooner, Ryerson Principal; Becky Frost, Jeffrey Principal.

#### **2. Action Item: Approve the Appointment of the Assistant Principal of Polson Middle School**

MOTION: by DeSantis, seconded by Emily to approve the appointment of Martha Curran as the Assistant Principal of Polson Middle School.  
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: McNerney  
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

#### **3. Executive Session to Discuss School Security Strategy**

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Pellegrino to enter into Executive Session to discuss school security strategy.  
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce, McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

#### **4. School / Community Session - 7:30 p.m.**

##### **4.1. Public Participation**

No public comment.

**5. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report**  
Jacqueline Sandor and Eric Dillner

Student representatives were not in attendance this evening.

**6. Superintendent's Report**  
Thomas R. Scarice

**6.1. 2020-2021 Budget Discussion**

Superintendent Scarice led a discussion and question and answer session regarding the 2020-2021 Budget.

**6.2. Other Matters - No discussion.**

**7. Board Members' Comments**

No comments.

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

**8.1. Curriculum and Student Development Committee**  
Galen Cawley, Chair, Greg DeSantis, Catherine Miller

Mr. Cawley reported the committee met on December 10 and discussed the following topics:

- Number of “hits” the MPS website has received with regard to curriculum
- ELL population
- Link to NCAA core courses within the 2020-2021 Program of Studies
- Report Card update and parent letter
- Portrait of a Graduate workshop scheduled for December 19 at 8 a.m. in the Hammonasset Room

**8.2. Communications Committee**  
Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Greg DeSantis, Kirk Barneby

No report.

**8.3. Facilities Committee**  
Tom Pellegrino, Chair, Kirk Barneby, Galen Cawley

Mr. Pellegrino reported the committee met this evening. The group discussed work to be done prior to the referendum as well as updates since the last committee meeting in October. Bill McMinn provided an update on the construction project, including the scope of the work and absolute necessities, as well as cost assessment for Brown, along with Chuck Warrington from Colliers International (on the phone). Superintendent Scarice and Bill McMinn also shared an updated enrollment projection report.

#### **8.4. Finance Committee**

Kirk Barneby, Chair, Galen Cawley, Tom Pellegrino

No report.

#### **8.5. Personnel Committee**

Violet McNerney, Chair, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Catherine Miller

No report.

#### **8.6. Policy Committee**

Greg DeSantis, Chair, Violet McNerney, Emily Rosenthal

Mr. DeSantis reported the committee met this evening. Two policies are brought forth tonight for a second reading: #3542.4, Lunch Charging and Policy #5120.9, Homeless Students. Mr. DeSantis noted a change to the Homeless Students policy since last meeting. The 2020-2021 School Calendar was discussed and is on the agenda for adoption this evening.

#### **8.7. CIP Committee**

Katie Stein, Kirk Barneby

Mr. Barneby reported that Stacy Nobitz, Director of Finance, reviewed the CIP process and current projects.

#### **8.8. LEARN Liaison**

Diane Infantine-Vyce

Mrs. Infantine-Vyce provided the following:

- LEARN's deputy executive director gave a Power Point presentation at the December 12 meeting regarding school refusal and chronic absenteeism.
- Later school start time will be discussed at the next legislative session.
- LEARN has qualified for a workers' compensation premium return and the board approved rate reductions for 2020.
- Visits with superintendents are ongoing regarding regionalization, to improve collaboration and discuss participation in shared services.
- An initial partnership meeting with CCSU took place to offer 092 certification, which will be open to all LEARN districts. LEARN magnet school tuitions have been approved & will be distributed.

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

Scott Murphy, Board of Selectmen member and town liaison, reported the Board of Selectmen will be meeting December 19 at 8:30 a.m. Agenda items include updates on: the library building project, MUNIS implementation, and proposed Board of Finance regulation regarding capital funding.

#### **10. Action Item: Minutes of the December 3, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)**

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Cawley to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 Board Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**11. Action Item: Adopt 2020-2021 School Calendar**

MOTION: by Pellegrino, seconded by Cawley to adopt the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

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

NAYS: Infantine-Vyce

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

**12. Action Item: Approve Disposal of Used Books**

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by McNerney to approve the disposal of used books.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**13. Action Item: Approve donation of \$1,000 from CT Association of Schools Special Olympics/Unified Sports to Jeffrey Elementary School**

MOTION: by DeSantis, seconded by Cawley to approve the donation of \$1,000 from CT Associate of Schools Special Olympics / Unified Sports to Jeffrey Elementary School

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**14. Action Item: Approve change to Personnel Committee - remove Tom Pellegrino, add Catherine Miller**

MOTION: by DeSantis, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the removal of Tom Pellegrino and the appointment of Catherine Miller to the Personnel Committee.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**15. Old Business**

**16. Future Agenda Items**

**17. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)**

**18. Adjournment**

MOTION: by DeSantis, seconded by Rosenthal to  
adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.  
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Infantine-Vyce,  
McNerney, Miller, Pellegrino, Rosenthal  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

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