

**Madison Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
April 23, 2019  
7:30 PM  
Town Campus Hammonasset Room**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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**1. Call to Order / Attendance**

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chair Katie Stein at 7:32p.m. Chairman Stein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Violet McNerney exited the meeting at 8:04 PM

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

**2.1. Recognition**

**2.1.1. Administrative Assistant Day - April 24, 2019**

Superintendent Scarice noted that at Central Office they are having a breakfast for the administrative assistants. Superintendent Scarice also stated that the administrative assistants do an amazing job and that he is fortunate to have them.

Ms. Stein thanked all of the administrative assistants at the schools as well as Wendy and Laura at Central Office.

**2.2. Public Participation**

No comments were made.

**3. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report**

The student BOE representatives were unable to attend the meeting. No report was given.

## 4. Superintendent's Report

### 4.1. Reconfiguration Update

Principal visits are coming up on April 24<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Frost visiting Jeffrey, Mrs. Spooner visiting Jeffrey and Mr. Henderson visiting Brown.

Parent meetings will take place on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Jeffrey and Ryerson and there will be two meetings for Brown for current third and fourth graders.

Students will begin visiting their new schools. A calendar with all of the reconfiguration information is on the MPS website.

Ice cream socials to be held for Jeffrey and Ryerson on June 11<sup>th</sup> and there are two taking place at Brown on June 6<sup>th</sup> one earlier in the day for grade 3 and an evening one for grade 4.

In August the parents will receive the placement letters stating who the student's teacher will be.

Superintendent Scarice stated that the team has been amazing through the school reconfiguration transition.

### 4.2. CT Funds for Teachers

Superintendent Scarice reported in the following:

Two Daniel Hand High School English teachers, Mia Corvino and Melissa Bader, applied for and just received a grant from CT Funds for Teachers. As we are in the process of revisiting our World Literature course, their grant will fund a visit to Cuba this summer in an effort to gain a deeper understanding of global issues that could inform the World Literature course. This is absolutely incredible! Information can be found at the following website.

[https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/FFT\\_CAS\\_article\\_0816.pdf](https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/FFT_CAS_article_0816.pdf)

### 4.3. Other Matters

Fox 61 News was at Daniel Hand High School today for National Take Back Day (National Prescription Drug Take Back).

Update for the Board – During the last budget season an AV system for DHHS was approved in the cafetorium. Superintendent Scarice stated that he was able to listen to the system and the sound is incredible. Telling the Board that it was money well spent and a great investment.

Superintendent Scarice noted that last September there were a few hot days. With the elementary schools not having A/C students needed to be shuffled around to cooling stations throughout the schools. Jeffrey has the maximum cooling stations and this year Bill McMinn has added additional cooling stations to Ryerson.

Superintendent Scarice handed out a memo from Art Sickle to the Board regarding the renewal of the school lunch program. Mr. Sickle will be at an upcoming Board meeting to discuss further. The Board will need to take action at a later BOE meeting.

Superintendent Scarice recognized Assistant Superintendent Gail Dahling-Hench as the recipient of the Nicholas Criscuolo Outstanding Administrator Award. The award will be presented on May 2, 2019. Superintendent Scarice the Board members congratulated Gail.

## **5. Board Members' Comments**

No comments were made.

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

### **6.1. Curriculum and Student Development**

Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. No report was given.

### **6.2. Communications Committee**

Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. No report was given.

### **6.3. Facilities Committee**

Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. No report was given.

### **6.4. Finance Committee**

Mr. Barneby reported on the following:

Ms. Nobitz took the committee through the preliminary description of where the District stands with the budget year to date and outlined where the District is projected to be at the end of the fiscal year.

### **6.5. Personnel Committee**

No report was given.

### **6.6. Policy Committee**

#### **6.6.1. Classroom Observations Policy (second reading)**

#### **6.6.2. Policy Review Process Policy (second reading)**

Mr. DeSantis reported on the following:

- New policy 6090.1 "Home Visits by Social Workers" was recommended unanimously by the committee for BOE consideration.
- Changes to policy 3090 "Financial Records and Reports" were recommended unanimously by the committee for BOE consideration.
- Changes to policy 3140 "Line Item Transfers" were recommended unanimously by the committee for BOE consideration.
- Changes to policy 9540.9 "Voting Method" were recommended unanimously by the committee for BOE consideration.
- The removal of policy 3110 "Paying for Goods and Services" was recommended unanimously by the committee for BOE consideration.

- Discussion ensued regarding a potential policy on "Out of District Paying Students." The committee agreed that the administration will bring a draft to an upcoming committee meeting.
- Discussion ensued regarding the policy concept paper regarding threats against the school community. The committee agreed that the administration will ask Shipman and Goodwin to scan the concept paper and provide feedback regarding current district policies and the concept paper.
- The administration provided a brief update regarding the Anonymous Reporting App.

#### **6.7. LEARN Liaison**

LEARN has not met since the last Board meeting.

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

Mr. Barneby reported on the following:

The committee continues to work with Collier to develop feasibility assessment for the options that were presented to the Tri-Board in terms of cost and site feasibility. (for example can Brown become a K-5 school). The committee plans to have sufficient data by May 16<sup>th</sup> to host a public forum.

Great Blue will conduct a poll of the Madison Community regarding the various options once the feasibility has been determined. A timeline will be set with Mr. Klaskin and the facilities committee and go to the full Board and to CIP prior to the fall

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

No comments were made.

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

**8.1. Bills Payable:** 2018-2019 - \$371,731.23

**8.2. Line Transfers:** \$13,539.88

**8.3. Donation:** \$5,000 from Jeffrey School PTO to Jeffrey School

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Mr. Klaskin thanked Jeffrey School PTO for their generous \$5,000 donation to Jeffrey School.

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

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Klaskin to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Cawley

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

**10. Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

**11. Future Agenda Items**

No future items were discussed.

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

**13. Adjournment**

MOTION: by Barneby seconded by Pellegrino to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

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