

**Madison Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
July 11, 2017  
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 Jean Fitzgerald at 7:35 p.m. Chairman Fitzgerald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jessica Bowler, Galen Cawley, Jean Fitzgerald, Alison Keating, Matt Keller, Katie Stein

Also present: Thomas Scarice, Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Art Sickle, Director of Administrative Services; Joe Barraco, Food Services Director; Solange Morrisette, Chartwells District Manager; Kristin Mancini, World Language Coordinator; John Harris.

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

**2.1. Public Participation**

None

**3. Superintendent's Report**

**3.1. Food Services Update**

Superintendent Scarice – a little over a year ago, the District ceased participating in the National School Lunch Program. After months of reviewing financials, we are here tonight with a positive report. As of last year, we were the only District in the state, K-12, that stopped participating in the program.

Mr. Sickle introduced Rita Boland, District & Town Webmaster, Joe Barraco, Food Services Director and Solange Morrisette, Chartwells' District Manager. Mr. Sickle began his presentation noting that the food services program revenue increased after leaving the National School Lunch Program and that participation rates are up District-wide, with Polson and Hand experiencing the largest (& equal) increase. Although product cost has increased, the program has improved over the previous school year, albeit without government subsidies. Mr. Sickle spoke to the numerous promotional events that occurred during the 16-17 school year, all of which helped spark student interest and contributed to the increased participation.

Mr. Sickle reviewed Chartwells' contract amendment highlights.

Assistant Superintendent Dahling-Hench began the curriculum presentation with the Statement of Purpose and reported that the Curriculum Review Council has been actively working this summer.

### **3.2. K-12 World Language Curriculum**

Kristin Mancini spoke to the World Language transfer goals and the 21 courses being brought forth for approval. The World Language curriculum will now focus on reading – all levels of grades 4-12 will have access to new novels (which are embedded into the curriculum) and classroom libraries, grades 5-8, will be stocked with new selections. Ms. Mancini also spoke to the importance of food and discussed how that evolves throughout the grades, from using high frequency words in grades K-4 to creating food blogs in high school.

### **3.3. K-12 Social Studies Curriculum**

John Harris reported on the changes to the Social Studies Curriculum, stating the focus has been to move away from simply noting things from the past to focusing more on the process of historical thinking and student choice, thereby allowing students to develop more meaningful connections in their own lives and show empathy towards people not like them. Mr. Harris referred to the 4 Civic students who took on the project of developing a college scholarship fund for students with a diagnosed disability. These students identified a pressing issue and conducted extensive research on the difficulties students with an IEP face. They quickly met and exceeded their monetary goal and continued their work after the course ended, tripling the amount of money raised. Mr. Harris spoke to the impact of this type of work on teachers as well.

### **3.4. Introduction to Business Curriculum**

The pre-requisite to the Entrepreneurship course which is currently very active with 5 sections scheduled for the 17/18 school year.

Mr. Keller commended the district for the strides made in curriculum writing and expressed that what is happening is so good and different than what came before.

### **3.5. Other Matters - None**

## **4. Board Members' Comments - None**

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

### **5.1. Planning Committee**

Members: Jessica Bowler, Chair; Galen Cawley, Alison Keating

Committee met earlier this evening. Strategy of Balanced Scorecard will be presented at tonight's retreat. Reviewed 5 & 10 year Capital Improvement Plan with Bill McMinn. Reviewed draft of the Tri-State Report; full report expected at the end of the summer. In terms of enrollment; added 1 Kindergarten section at both Island and Jeffrey to smooth out high enrollment numbers.

### **5.2. Personnel Committee**

Members: John Dean, Chair; Alison Keating, Happy Marino  
No report

**5.3. Policy Committee**

Members: Katie Stein, Chair; Seth Klaskin, Matt Keller

No report

**5.4. Finance Committee**

Members: Alison Keating, Chair; Jessica Bowler, Happy Marino

No report

**5.5. LEARN Liaison**

Katie Stein

No report

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

None

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

**7.1. Bills Payable:** \$10,000.00, 2015-2016 Budget; \$603,375.12, 2016-2017 Budget;  
\$133,741.48, 2017-2018 Budget

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

**AYES:** Bowler, Cawley, Fitzgerald, Keating, Keller, Stein

**ABSTAIN:** None

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-0

**8. Action Item: Minutes of the June 20, 2017 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)**

Minutes tabled until the September 19, 2017 Board of Education meeting due to lack of a quorum.

**MOTION:** by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the minutes of the

June 20, 2017 Board of Education Meeting

**AYES:** Cawley, Fitzgerald, Keating, Stein

**ABSTAIN:**

**NAYS:** Bowler

**MOTION CARRIED:** 4-0

**9. Action Item: Adopt World Language Curriculum**

**MOTION:** by Planning Committee to adopt World Language Curriculum.

**AYES:** Bowler, Cawley, Fitzgerald, Keating, Keller, Stein

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NAYS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-0

**10. Action Item: Adopt Social Studies Curriculum**

**MOTION:** by Planning Committee to adopt Social Studies Curriculum

**AYES:** Bowler, Cawley, Fitzgerald, Keating, Keller, Stein

**ABSTAIN:** None

**NAYS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-0

**11. Action Item:** To approve Addendum Number One to the Agreement between the Madison Board of Education and the Compass Group USA, dated July 1, 2016. Addendum Number One is dated June 12, 2017 and is effective July 1, 2017. It extends the term of the original agreement by one year through the 2017-2018 school year, and increases Chartwells' fees by 2.5%.

**MOTION:** by Keating, seconded by Stein to approve Addendum Number One to the

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dated July 1, 2016. Addendum Number

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July 1, 2017. It extends the term of the

original agreement by one year through the

2017-2018 school year, and increases

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**AYES:** Bowler, Cawley, Fitzgerald, Keating, Stein

**ABSTAIN:** Keller

**NAYS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED:** 5-0

**12. Action Item:** To appoint Stephen Fuest to the Cable Advisory Council of South Central Connecticut, effective 7/1/2017

**MOTION:** by Bowler, seconded by Cawley to appoint Stephen Fuest to the Cable Advisory Council of South Central Connecticut, effective 7/1/2017.

**AYES:** Bowler, Cawley, Fitzgerald, Keating, Keller, Stein

**ABSTAIN:**

**NAYS:** None

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-0

**13. Action Item: Introduction to Business Curriculum**

**MOTION:** by Keating to add and adopt Introduction to Business Curriculum.  
**AYES:** Bowler, Cawley, Fitzgerald, Keating, Keller, Stein  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**NAYS:** None  
**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-0

**14. Old Business - none**

**15. Future Agenda Items - none**

**16. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)**  
July and August calendars

**17. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** by Stein seconded by Cawley to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM  
**AYES:** Bowler, Cawley, Fitzgerald, Keating, Keller, Stein  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**NAYS:** None  
**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-0

Approved at the September 19, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.  
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