

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
November 01, 2016
7:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room**

1. Call to Order / Attendance

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Jean Fitzgerald at 7:37 p.m. Chair Fitzgerald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jean Fitzgerald, Jessica Bowler; John Dean; Alison Keating; Seth Klaskin; Happy Marino; Katie Stein.

Also present: Thomas Scarice, Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Anthony Salutari, Principal Daniel Hand High School; Cindi Schneider, Assistant Principal Daniel Hand High School; Brian Bodner, Assistant Principal Daniel Hand High School; John Harris, Social Studies Curricular Lead; Dave Tommaso, CTE Teacher, Mary Merkle-Scotland, World Languages Teacher.

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

2.1. Public Participation

3. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Emily Baker

Emily Baker reported on Halloween enthusiasm at the high school; students donated \$1 to wear a costume which benefitted charity. PAW groups (small groups of peers) continue to meet and are encouraging to students as the topic of stress and time management are being addressed. The DHHS fall play The Pink Panther Strikes Back scheduled performances are Nov 17th, 18th and 19th. Students are excited to attend Homecoming this weekend. December will host a Pep Rally for the winter sports. Emily reports there has been more participation and attendance at athletic events this fall. Holiday door decorating continues and everyone is encouraged to participate.

4. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Scarice shared Halloween pictures throughout the district. There were parades, magic shows and teachers and students all dressed in the spirit. Both middle schools and the high schools raised money for charities. Despite many other districts cancelling Halloween activities, Superintendent Scarice said we can have fun responsibly and include these types of events in our schools. All levels had a great time; it was a great day all around, having fun and learning as a school community.

The Social Emotional Learning committee is the district's watchdog on "whole child" programs; making sure we are addressing not just the academic needs of our students. A full presentation on their work will be scheduled in the future.

Superintendent Scarice reported that several districts have visited Madison to see the work we are doing. It seems to be happening more and more. Math, LA, World Language programs, homework policies, and trimester schedules are a few of the topics other districts have expressed interest in.

4.1. Program of Studies - Daniel Hand High School

Anthony Salutari, Principal of Daniel Hand High School

Principal Salutari presented the 2017-2018 DHHS Program of Studies for review, and advised the Board that a full detailed report was presented in the Planning committee. He thanked the many people involved in coordinating the construction of this book.

Principal Salutari stated that there are a few new courses in the Program of Studies; but warned that courses only run if they meet a minimum class size requirement and that new courses are assumed FTE neutral, no additional staffing is necessary to include new courses. Many courses had revisions made to descriptions based on the curriculum revisions made within the content. The Board will review & take action as indicated at the next Board meeting.

4.2. Other Matters

No other matters.

5. Board Members' Comments

No comments.

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

6.1. Planning Committee

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

Ms. Bowler reported the Planning Committee reviewed the Program of Studies presentation, as well as the proposed 2017-2018 school year calendar, which will now move on to the Policy Committee for review. Mr. McMinn provided a facilities update with regard to the DHHS LED project, the solar project, the DHHS track resurfacing and the underground tank removals at Island, Polson and Jeffrey schools. An update regarding the facilities study was also provided. We are now crossing over from the study phase to the project phase and may bring Colliers on board to represent the district and act on our behalf. No additional funds will be required for this.

6.2. Personnel Committee

Members: John Dean, Chair; Alison Keating, Happy Marino

No report was given.

6.3. Policy Committee

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

6.3.1. Policy #6070.2 - Curriculum

Second reading of Curriculum Policy.

6.4. Finance Committee

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

Ms. Keating reported that the draft of the budget assumptions was presented to the Committee. Ms. Keating requested Board members to review and ask questions prior to the next Board meeting.

6.5. LEARN Liaison

Katie Stein

No report was given.

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

No audience response.

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

8.1. Bills Payable: \$54,943.84 2015-2016 Budget

8.2. Bills Payable: \$278,107.77 2016-2017 Budget

8.3. Line Transfers: \$47,174.14

8.4. Budget Expenditure as of 10/20/2016

8.5. Donation: Elementary school binoculars

MOTION: by Fitzgerald, seconded by Keating to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Bowler; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating; Klaskin; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

9. Action Item: Minutes of the October 18, 2016 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Fitzgerald, seconded by Klaskin to approve the October 18, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minute with the notation made that attendance was not recorded.

AYES: Bowler; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating; Klaskin; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

10. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

11. Future Agenda Items
No future items were addressed.
12. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)
13. Adjournment

MOTION: by Fitzgerald, seconded by Keating to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Bowler; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating; Klaskin; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Approved at the 11/15/16 BOE Meeting
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