

**Madison Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 24, 2017
7:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room**

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Attendance

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chair Jean Fitzgerald at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Fitzgerald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jessica Bowler; Galen Cawley; John Dean; Jean Fitzgerald; Alison Keating; Matt Keller; Happy Marino; Katie Stein

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

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

2.1. Public Participation

No comments were made.

3. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report
Aidan Hughes and Emily Baker

Aidan Hughes arrived at the BOE meeting at 7:43 PM and Emily Baker arrived at 7:54 PM.

They reported on the following:

The Honors breakfast went well. Having all students invited to the breakfast changed the mood of the speeches making them more encouraging to other students who had not made Honors.

Ms. Baker stated that she qualified for states indoor track. States will be held next week.

4. Superintendent's Report
Thomas R. Scarice

4.1. Classrooms of Innovation - Allison Zmuda

Presentation was cancelled.

4.2. Other Matters

Superintendent Scarice introduced Rudy Torre the head custodian at Jeffrey Elementary School. Superintendent Scarice stated that school systems are made up of brick and mortar, furniture etc. but in reality they are made of people. The best ones are made of people like Rudy. Recently Rudy was featured in The Sound. Rudy was nominated by Jeffrey Elementary School Principal Kathryn Hart. Rudy dedicates his time to helping students in grades K-4 by involving them in various tasks such as setting up for special events, cleaning up chairs, and working on special projects with individual children. He reads to the students, dresses up for special events, and still manages to keep the school in good condition. He is truly a positive role model in our school who goes far beyond maintaining the facilities.

Superintendent Scarice thanked Rudy for all he does.

Superintendent Scarice introduced the Board of Education's cameraman Liam Bennett a student at Daniel Hand High School. Superintendent Scarice also acknowledged that Liam's family was invited to this evening's meeting as well which Liam was not aware they had been invited. Superintendent Scarice went on to state what a talented student Liam is. Superintendent Scarice proceeded to name the list of awards that Liam has recently been awarded.

Film accepted into the All American high school film festival in NYC

2015-2016 Daniel Hand Art show – 2nd place winner in Photography

2016 SCC Art Show – Honorable Mention

2017 Scholastic Regional Art Show – 2 Gold Keys which will now be juried for the Scholastic National Art Show

2016-2017 Shoreline Alliance – 1st place scholarship in the amount of \$1,000

Superintendent Scarice gave an update on the meeting with Collier. Superintendent stated that the primary topic was Education Specification. There are three factors that will go into the decision making; decline in enrollment, condition of the facilities and being able to match the vision of the District.

At the March 7th Planning Committee Meeting there will be the first draft.

Ms. Fitzgerald stated that there will not be a difference between renovation of a current building or a new building.

5. Board Members' Comments

No comments were made.

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

6.1. Planning Committee

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

Ms. Bowler reported on the following:

School Utilization Facilities Study

A meeting took place today with Collier.

Bill McMinn presented to the Planning Committee regarding the Polson roof project. Ms. Bowler read Mr. McMinn's memo into record. Once the memo is read into the record tonight Mr. McMinn can submit the project for reimbursement.

As of January 13, 2017, the Polson Middle School Roof replacement project is 100% complete. The Facilities Department recommends that the Planning Committee endorses Madison Board of Education to deem the project at Polson Middle School as complete.

The planning commitment endorsed the project as complete at their meeting earlier in the day.

Social Studies Update

John Harris presented to the Planning Committee an update on the K-12 curriculum.

Examples of the changes:

- Elementary school now has a dedicated social studies curriculum dealing with historical evidence and allowing kids to hear about historical events and then “judge” history for themselves
- 6, 7 and 9th grade world history will now be discussing inequalities at different times in US history rather than just a timeline of events
- There will be a lot of new courses at the high school for 2017-2018

The curriculum is on track to be completed on time by the end of June 2017.

Fall 2017 and beyond - how to continue to refine and improve the curriculum once it is in practice – At the high school they will plan to meet during PD and discuss feedback and see how it is going. Any changes will be made to the documents which are in Google Docs. The curriculum is now a living document.

The elementary and middle schools – TBD. A K-8 coordinator model needs to be figured out to manage the feedback to ensure living documents for the curriculum at this level.

Technology Plan (MITT)

The plan was reviewed at all levels.

Elementary – mini iPads (K-2) used for teaching and learning and to enhance the learning experience and make it fun. 4 iPads per class - just for workplaces not for the entire class. The Chromebook cart (3-4) 1 cart per grade so it will be either 1:3 or 1:4 ratio which is not great for consistency on long term projects to only have access to the Chromebook every 3rd or 4th day.

Middle School – Brown

5th grade has five teams and 3 carts which are shared. 1 cart for Spanish and 1 extra cart that is signed out every day.

Google Suite – learning to be a good digital citizen by editing documents, taking notes, peer to peer constructive editing, teacher to student, etc. Teachers create resource documents on google and share them with other teachers and students.

6th grade has 3 carts which are shared by 3 teams.

Curriculum Perspective

- John Harris – wrote the social studies curriculum to match the technology we own at each level.

Example – Grade 7

Podcast development on problems that are causing conflict in Israel and Palestine and post questions for investigation of how each solution will impact the problems.

This would look very different without technology.

High School – Social Studies

14.6 teachers are sharing 2 Chromebook carts

- Dave Russo – Science ex human biology

Student centered teaching environment

Passive vs active learning

All google classrooms with dedicated cart

Example: create web pages based on research and learning

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 #4112.1 - Certification (Third Reading)

6.3.2. Policy #5090.3.3 - Student Conduct on School Buses (Third Reading)

6.3.3. Policy #5090.3.6.1 - Hazing (Third Reading)

6.3.4. Policy #5090.3.1 - Student Dress (Tabled until the next BOE Meeting)

6.3.5. Policy #5120.9 - Homeless Students (Third Reading)

Ms. Stein stated that action will be taken on the above mentioned policies later in the meeting. Policy #5090.3.1 - Student Dress will be tabled until the next Board of Education Meeting.

Policy #4111.1 – Reference Checks

To be renamed Security Check/Fingerprinting

Policy #4121 – Substitute Teachers

Revised to be in align with the new procedures outlined in Policy #4111.1.

Policy #5100.9.4 – Physicals for School Athletics

Revised to be in align with Policy #5120.3, Health Services, which reflects the 13 month physical rule and eliminates the reference to intramural sports. Legal reference updated as well.

Policy #5120.2.1 – Head Injuries

Revised to include the training requirement that a coach must complete an approved refresher course not later than five years after the initial training in order to maintain his/her coaching permit. A review process began on this policy more than a year ago, but went no further. Legal references updated as well.

Ms. Stein stated that the following policies are being presented to the full Board tonight for first reading.

6.4. Finance Committee

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

Ms. Keating reported the following:

The 2017-2018 catering budget will be going to the Planning Committee for review.

The 2017-2018 Budget will be voted on later in the meeting.

The Finance Committee is committed to providing the best educational experience for our students, move ahead with our school study while being cognoscente of looming state budget cuts. We reviewed the proposed 2.9% budget and discussed reductions. Those

discussions included concerns that were brought up at our board retreat. We are currently at 2.58% increase.

Ms. Fitzgerald stated that the Budget will now go to the Board of Selectmen.

6.5. LEARN Liaison

Katie Stein

Ms. Stein stated that LEARN met last week and reported on the following:

Director of Student Support Services, Bridgette Gordon- Hickey gave an informational presentation entitled "LEARN Student Support Services- Collaboration, Innovation and Service". The presentation included services provided by LEARN as well as information on the upcoming "Disability Summit" for parents, educators and caregivers in March.

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: \$9,154.85 - 2015-2016 Budget and \$267,517.16 - 2016-2017 Budget

8.2. Line Transfers: \$10,909.66

8.3. Donation: \$1,013.50 from Box Tops for Education to J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School student resources.

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Keating to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating; Keller; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

9. Action Item: Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Keating seconded by Bowler to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Keller

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

10. Action Item: To approve Policy #4112.1 – Certification

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve Policy
#4112.1 – Certification
AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating;
Keller; Marino; Stein
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

11. Action Item: To approve Policy #5090.3.3 - Student Conduct on School Buses

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve Policy
#5090.3.3 - Student Conduct on School Buses
AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating;
Keller; Marino; Stein
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

12. Action Item: To approve Policy #5090.3.6.1 – Hazing

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve
Policy #5090.3.6.1 - Hazing
AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating;
Keller; Marino; Stein
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

13. Action Item: To approve Policy #5090.3.1 - Student Dress

MOTION: by Policy Committee table
Policy #5090.3.1 - Student Dress
AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating;
Keller; Marino; Stein
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

The Policy Committee has tabled Policy #5090.3.1 - Student Dress until the next
Board of Education Meeting.

14. Action Item: To approve Policy #5120.9 - Homeless Students

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve
Policy #5120.9 - Homeless Students
AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating;
Keller; Marino; Stein
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

15. Action Item: To approve the Board of Education 2017-2018 Budget

MOTION: by Finance Committee to approve the
Board of Education 2017-2018 Budget

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating;
Keller; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

16. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

17. Future Agenda Items

No future items were discussed.

18. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)
January-February 2017 Calendars

19. Adjournment

MOTION: by Dean seconded by Keller to adjourn
the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

AYES: Bowler; Cawley; Dean; Fitzgerald; Keating;
Keller; Marino; Stein

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Approved at the 2/7/17 BOE Meeting
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