Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
July 21, 2015
7:00 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 Cindy Mead at 7:02 p.m. Vice Chairman Mead led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jessica Bowler; Alison Keating; Chris Puricelli; Robert Ruggiero; Bruce Wilson; Cindy Mead

Also present: Thomas Scarice, Superintendent of Schools

Seth Klaskin enterted the meeting at 7:16 p.m.
Gail Dahling-Hench exited the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

2. School / Community Session - 7:00 p.m.

2.1. Public Participation

No comments were made.

3. Superintendent's Report
Thomas R. Scarice

3.1. Homework Committee Update (on file)
Davie Buller, Julie Johnson and Gail Dahling-Hench

Members of the Madison Public Schools Homework Committee presented the committee's work to-date and their proposed homework policy. They reported that the committee has reviewed the existing policy, conducted research of current academic literature, collected data via surveys and focus groups which represented the voices of approximately 700 students, parents, and teachers prior to drafting a new policy. The group shared the key results of their data collection as well as the major themes which emerged throughout the process and are reflected in the proposed policy. Once the Board reviews, revises, and adopts a policy, the committee will continue onto the subsequent steps of implementation.

3.2. School Utilization Study Discussion with DRA Representatives
Jim Barrett and Paul Moore of DRA

The purpose of this meeting is for Board of Education members to make explicit requests for data, etc., in order to help make an informed decision regarding the three

plans that were discussed at the last meeting. This was recommended so that one layer of the communication line would be eliminated and the DRA representatives can clarify the requests for specificity. They were asked to serve as listeners, and to ask follow up questions so that we can accurately gather as much information as necessary for BOE members.

3.3. Enrollment Update

Superintendent Scarice reported that at Island Avenue Elementary School there are currently 43 kindergarten students enrolled 21/22 in each class. There are currently 124 students in total registered for kindergarten with a projection of 141 students.

3.4. Solar Project Update

Superintendent Scarice stated that the Solar Project would be voted on later in the meeting. Superintendent Scarice and Ms. Mead thanked Bill McMinn for his hard work on a complex project.

3.5. Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

4. Board Members' Comments

No comments were made.

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

5.1. Planning Committee
Members: Cindy Mead, Chair; Bill Clorite, Jessica Bowler

No report was given.

5.2. Personnel Committee
Members: Bob Ruggiero, Chair, Alison Keating, Jessica Bowler

Mr. Ruggiero reported that negotiations are underway with the teamsters. Since the June 16, 2015 Board of Education meeting they have met twice. Mr. Ruggiero stated that they are getting close to an agreement. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2015.

5.3. Policy Committee
Members: Bruce Wilson, Chair; Seth Klaskin, Bob Ruggiero

No report was given.

5.4. Finance Committee
Members: Bill Clorite, Chair; Cindy Mead, Chris Puricelli

No report was given.

5.5. LEARN Liaison
Liaison: Alison Keating

No report was given.

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

Mr. Bob Hale asked about the future of the TCLC modular. Asking if it would be disassembled and moved. Mr. Hale noted that MPS has a good history regarding its projects.

Ms. Joan Walker noted that the roof is being completed at Walter C. Polson. Ms. Walker asked that from a parent's standpoint is anything going to be done at Daniel Hand High School regarding more space for the arts?

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

7.1. Bills Payable: $911,329.62 - 2014-2015 Budget $1,595,860.10 - 2015-2016 Budget

7.2. Donation: $1,500.00 from Island Avenue Elementary School from the Island Avenue Elementary School PTO to purchase a Yamaha Electric Piano and dolly.

7.3. Donation: $1,413.81 from Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program to J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School for school resources.

7.4. Donation: $14,000.00 from Kathleen H. Ryerson Elementary School PTO to Kathleen H. Ryerson Elementary School for the donation account.

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Bowler
to approve the Consent Agenda.
AYES: Bowler, Keating, Klaskin, Ruggiero, Wilson, Mead
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

8. Action Item: Approve minutes of the June 16, 2015 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Wilson seconded by Klaskin to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 Board of Education Meeting.
AYES: Bowler, Keating, Klaskin, Ruggiero, Wilson, Mead
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

9. Action Item: To approve minutes of the June 16, 2015 Board of Education Retreat

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Wilson to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 Board of Education Retreat.
AYES: Bowler, Keating, Klaskin, Ruggiero, Wilson, Mead
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: Clorite
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

10. Action Item: To approve a memorandum of agreement that the Madison Board of Education is willing to allow the Town of Madison Board of Selectmen to enter into agreement to place the solar photovoltaic systems on the roofs of Daniel Hand High School and Walter C. Polson Middle School, and to assign to the Town, energy credits which will be used to fund the installation of the Systems."

MOTION: by Keating seconded by Wilson to approve a memorandum of agreement that the Madison Board of Education is willing to allow the Town of Madison Board of Selectmen to enter into agreement to place the solar photovoltaic systems on the roofs of Daniel Hand High School and Walter C. Polson Middle School, and to assign to the Town, energy credits which will be used to fund the installation of the Systems."
AYES: Bowler, Keating, Klaskin, Ruggiero, Wilson, Mead
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

11. Action Item: To appoint Stephen Fuest to the Cable Advisory Council of South Central Connecticut, effective 7/1/2015

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Wilson to appoint Stephen Fuest to the Cable Advisory Council of South Central Connecticut, effective 7/1/2015
AYES: Bowler, Keating, Klaskin, Ruggiero, Wilson, Mead
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

12. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

13. New Business

No new business was discussed.

14. Future Agenda Items

No future items were discussed.

15. Meetings / Dates of Importance

August 11, 2015 Board of Education Meeting

16. Action Item: Enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation and to discuss an attorney-client privilege document.

16.1. Discuss pending litigation and to discuss an attorney-client privilege document

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Keating to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation and to discuss an attorney-client privilege document.
AYES: Bowler, Keating, Klaskin, Ruggiero, Wilson, Mead
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

17. Adjournment

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Keating to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.
AYES: Bowler, Keating, Klaskin, Ruggiero, Wilson, Mead
NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Approved at the August 11, 2015 BOE Meeting
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