

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 05, 2016
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 7:32 p.m. Chairman Fitzgerald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jessica Bowler; Galen Cawley; Jean Fitzgerald; Alison Keating; Happy Marino; Cindy Mead; 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
Paige Calvert and Aidan Hughes**

Ms. Calvert wished everyone a Happy New Year. Ms. Calvert also announced that she has been accepted into Wellesley College. Members of the Board, Superintendent Scarice and Ms. Dahling-Hench congratulated Ms. Calvert.

Mr. Hughes stated that winter break was over and wishes it was longer. Mr. Hughes also stated that Spirit Week was a massive success.

Ms. Calvert noted that the musical this year will be A Chorus Line which will take place at the end of March beginning of April. Ms. Calvert also stated that she has a role in the musical.

Mr. Hughes noted that there is a Student Leadership meeting next week.

4. Superintendent's Report Thomas R. Scarice

4.1. Other Matters

Superintendent Scarice stated that he was recently contacted by John Fixx, the Head of The Country School, to co-sponsor a showing of the documentary, “Most Likely to Succeed: Preparing our Kids for the Innovation Era”, at The Country School on February 4, 2016. Superintendent Scarice will be joining a panel discussion after the viewing.

5. Board Members' Comments

No comments were made.

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

6.1. Planning Committee

Members: Jessica Bowler, Chair; Cindy Mead, Galen Cawley

Ms. Bowler reported on the following:

Polson Roof Project

The project was reviewed and the plans were signed off on. The project schedule and the budget for the project were reviewed. Everything is currently on track and on schedule.

Boiler project – Jeffrey –

Ms. Bowler stated that the Committee discussed putting this project which was slated for summer 2016 on hold until the school utilization facilities study is completed and they know which schools the District is keeping or not keeping. We all agreed that this is the right thing to do at this time.

School Utilization Facilities Study Update –

The Board will take a slight pause on discussing this work while we work on the budget – we will resume in a few weeks. We reviewed the extension of services for the DRA to continue through the end of the process – 6/30/2017 and approved this extension.

Summer International Field Trips -

The Committee reviewed the three trips for this summer – China, Costa Rica and Spain. All trips will go forward as planned

Program Improvement List – Registration Account -

The Committee reviewed this list and these few small projects will move forward.

Polson Bell Times – 2016/2017 -

A parent asked Superintendent Scarice at a recent Brown Bag Lunch why the Polson Start Time could not match the Brown Start Time – 8:05 vs. 7:30

Superintendent Scarice and the administrative team have been investigating this.

Mr. Sickles looked at the buses and ran a simulation and this is possible from a bus perspective.

Now to look at other issues like shared staff, athletics, Polson gym use, fitness center, locker room, etc.

A list of questions has been formulated and will be answered by March and the Planning committee will review again at that time and see what the feasibility is of this change.

6.2. Personnel Committee

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

No report was given.

6.3. Policy Committee

Members: Alison Keating, Chair; Katie Stein, Seth Klaskin

6.3.1. Policy #5113 - Student Attendance (Second Reading)

6.3.2. Policy #6142.101 - Wellness Policy (Second Reading)

Ms. Keating stated that there was only a minor change on Policy #5113. A copy of the policy with the change was handed out to the Board. Ms. Keating stated that both policies would be going to the Board at the January 19, 2016 meeting for third reading.

6.4. Finance Committee

Members: Cindy Mead, Chair; Alison Keating, Jessica Bowler

Ms. Mead stated that the Finance Committee had not met since the last Board meeting. Ms. Mead noted the dates for the upcoming Budget Workshops. Ms. Mead also stated to the new Board Members that during the workshops all questions are welcomed.

6.5. LEARN Liaison

Liaison: Katie Stein

No report was given.

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: \$1,668.03 - 2014-2015 Budget and \$228,659.06 - 2015-2016 Budget

8.2. Line Transfers: \$829.83

8.3. Budget Expenditure as of December 22, 2015

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

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

9. Action Item: Minutes of the December 15, 2015 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Mead to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Bowler; Fitzgerald; Marino; Mead; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Keating and Cawley

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

10. Action Item: To adopt the 2016-2017 school calendar and suspend the Policy requirement to schedule the high school ceremony no earlier than the 183 days of school for that same year.

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Keating to adopt the 2016-2017 school calendar and suspend the Policy requirement to schedule the high school ceremony no earlier than the 183 days of school for that same year.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

11. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached) January calendar attached.

12. Presentation of Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

13. Adjournment

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Keating to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Approved at the 1/19/16 BOE Meeting
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