

Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
July 17, 2018
7:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room

MEETING MINUTES

“Full documentation of these proceedings can be found through on demand video located in the Meetings/Minutes section of the district website”

1. Call to Order / Attendance

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

Present: Galen Cawley, Seth Klaskin, Happy Marino, Tom Pellegrino, Emily Rosenthal, Katie Stein

Greg DeSantis – via phone

Also present: Thomas Scarice, Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Instruction and Assessment; Bill McMinn, Director of Facilities; Stacy Nobitz, Director of Finance; Kristen Bartosic, Supervisor of Account Management.

Board of Selectman: Thomas Banisch, First Selectman; Al Goldberg, Jean Ferris, Scott Murphy, Bruce Wilson.

Board of Finance: Jean Fitzgerald, Chair; Mark Casparino, Kenneth Kaminsky, Kevin Kranzler, Bennett Pudlin.

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

2.1. Public Participation

No public comment

3. Superintendent's Report

3.1. Summer Projects Update

Superintendent Scarice noted summer is a busy time at the Board of Education and spoke to the work being done in Human Resources, Finance, Technology, Transportation and Food Services, Facilities and Curriculum and Professional Development.

3.2. Other Matters

State Representative Noreen Kokoruda advised Tom Banisch and me about a security grant through the US Department of Justice which is due on July 30. The grant writer for the Town is currently assisting in writing the grant.

Superintendent Scarice spoke to updates to the website and gave a tour of the new “Reconfiguration” tab which will provide the community with up-to-date information regarding

the 2019 reconfiguration of the district as well as share critical information related to the ongoing maintenance and long-term planning for our facilities.

4. Board of Education Capital Maintenance Plan (Tri-Board discussion with Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Education)

Mr. Klaskin stated the purpose of the Tri-Board discussion is to introduce the Boards of Selectmen and Finance to the Board of Education's 10 year Master Facilities Plan and to begin a community discussion about the costs to maintain our schools. Mr. Klaskin spoke to the district's budget over the past decade and most recently, the failed referendum in the fall of 2017.

Mr. McMinn reviewed the CIP; a discussion ensued between the three boards.

5. Board Members' Comments

No comments.

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

6.1. Planning Committee

Members: Jessica Bowler, Chair; Emily Rosenthal, Happy Marino

No report.

6.2. Personnel Committee

Members: Greg DeSantis, Chair; Violet McNerney, Tom Pellegrino

No report.

6.3. Policy Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair; Violet McNerney, Seth Klaskin

6.3.1. Bylaw #9450 - Board Committees (First Reading)

6.3.2. Policy #3150 - Medical Reimbursement for Special Education Students (First Reading)

6.3.3. Policy #5125.1 - Health/Medical Records (First Reading)

6.3.4. Policy #6161.3 - Comparability of Services (First Reading)

6.3.5. Policy #6090.10 - IEP/Special Education Program (First Reading)

6.3.6. Policy #5144.4 - Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students (First Reading)

6.3.7. Policy #6162.51 - Survey of Students (Student Privacy) (First Reading)

6.4. Finance Committee

Members: Happy Marino, Chair; Galen Cawley, Tom Pellegrino

Closed 2017/2018; may potential by receiving invoices through August and will finalize then.

6.5. LEARN Liaison
Emily Rosenthal

Nothing to report.

6.6. Facilities Committee

Members: Seth Klaskin, Chair; Galen Cawley, Greg DeSantis

Met June 19th – two members of BoS OPL Committee attended with consultant to discuss the plan to create a new playground at Brown that is age-appropriate and handicapped-accessible. Discussions continue regarding the Facilities 10 year Master Plan and CIP Plan.

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

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

8.1. Bills Payable: 2017-2018 - \$430,236.20; 2018-2019 - \$792,534.73

8.2. Line Transfers: no transfers

8.3. Budget Expenditure as of July 13, 2018

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Pellegrino to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

8.4. Donation: \$5,000 from National Federation of High School in conjunction with CIAC to Daniel Hand High School for a camera to live stream Daniel Hand events.

Superintendent Scarice recommended removal of this item pending receipt of further information.

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Rosenthal to remove the \$5,000 donation from National Federation of High School in conjunction with CIAC to Daniel Hand High School for a camera to live stream Daniel Hand Events.

AYES: Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Klaskin to table the \$5,000 donation from National Federation of High School in conjunction with CIAC to Daniel Hand High School for a camera to live stream Daniel Hand Events.

AYES: Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino;
Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

8.5. Donation: \$12,550 from Ryerson Elementary PTO to Ryerson Elementary School to assist in the purchase of school-based resources.

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Pellegrino to approve the \$12,550 donation from the Ryerson Elementary PTO to Ryerson Elementary School to assist in the purchase of school-based resources.
AYES: Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino;
Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

9. Action Item: To approve minutes of the June 19, 2018 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Klaskin to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 Board of Education Meeting minutes.
AYES: Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino;
Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

10. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

11. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.

12. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached) July-August-September 2018

13. Action Item: Enter into Executive Session to discuss Superintendent's evaluation

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Cawley to approve entering into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.
AYES: Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino;
Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

14. Adjournment

MOTION: by DeSantis, seconded by Pellegrino to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

AYES: Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; Marino; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Approved at the August 14, 2018 Board meeting.