

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
December 04, 2018
7:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room**

MEETING MINUTES

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1. Call to Order / Attendance

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chair Katie Stein at 7:34 p.m. Chairman Stein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kirk Barneby; Galen Cawley; Seth Klaskin; Happy Marino; Violet McNerney; Tom Pellegrino, Emily Rosenthal; Katie Stein

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

- 2. Action Item:** To enter into Executive Session to discuss the proposed Agreement between the Madison Board of Education and the Madison Education Association (MEA) effective: 7/1/19 – 6/30/22. To discuss the status of the Teamsters mediation.

MOTION: by Barneby seconded by Pellegrino to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the proposed Agreement between the Madison Board of Education and the Madison Education Association (MEA) effective: 7/1/19 – 6/30/22. To discuss the status of the Teamsters mediation at 7:35 p.m.

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

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

3.1. Recognitions:

3.1.1. American Education Week

Mike Ginsburg, MEA President, Mary Ellen Babik, MEA Vice President

Postponed until the next Board of Education meeting.

3.1.2. Madison Association of Educational Supportive Services (MAESS)
Susan Evans and Carla Marino - MAESS Co-Presidents

Superintendent Scarice thanked all members of MAESS. On behalf of the Board and the district we appreciate all the work you do.

3.1.3. Connecticut Technology Engineering Educators Association (CTEEA) 2018
Program of the Year Recipients: Daniel Hand High School Career and Technical Education Program (CTE), Dan Grenier, Program Coordinator, and Faculty.

Postponed to a future Board of Education meeting.

3.2. Public Participation

No comments were made.

4. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Ryan Tomicic and Jacqueline Sandor (Jacqueline did not attend this evenings meeting)

Ryan stated that they have not attended the last couple of Board of Education meetings due to school play, field hockey and finals. Jacqueline was unable to attend this evening due to attending an all state field hockey banquet.

Girls and boys swim teams won championship.

Newsies will be the next play taking place.

New trimester starts tomorrow.

Next Monday students from DHHS will be performing at the Congregational Church.

Superintendent Scarice stated that a notification will be sent out to parents tomorrow regarding the new test that will be used determine if the contents of an e-cigarette, pod, or dab pen contain drugs.

5. Superintendent's Report

Thomas R. Scarice

5.1. Literacy Coach Program

Superintendent Scarice and Ms. Dahling-Hench presented an overview of this most effective program in improving professional practice in our language arts classrooms, K-12. A comprehensive presentation regarding the literacy coach approach in our schools was presented to the full Board in the past. We have used this model to effectively transform instructional practices in our schools for over six years. This is a position that was eliminated towards the end of the Board's budget process last year with the understanding that it would be included in the 19-20 budget proposal as noted by its inclusion in the proposed budget assumptions.

5.2. Elementary School Counseling Program

Superintendent Scarice provided a brief overview of the Elementary School Counseling Program to the full Board this evening. A presentation was already given to the Curriculum and Student Development Committee.

Our mental health services span across five different roles in our schools. Our certified positions include school counselors (formerly known as “guidance counselors”), school psychologists, and school social workers. Each of these positions requires state certification and have its own particular function, primarily different from the others. In addition, we host Madison Youth and Family Services counselors, and we have our clinical service program, Effective School Solutions (ESS), in our schools.

The range of services was described in the social/emotional learning presentation to the full Board in October by Superintendent Scarice, Gail Dahling-Hench, Becky Frost. One gap in providing services is the proactive, “Tier 1”, at the elementary level. As we shared with the Curriculum and Student Development Committee, the position of Elementary School Counselor fills that void. It is a component of the administration’s proposed budget assumptions.

5.3. 2019-2020 Budget Assumptions

Superintendent Scarice noted the following:

This is the final public discussion of the administration’s proposed budget assumptions prior to formal Board action later in the agenda. Again, the action on the budget assumptions does not bind the Board to any component of the 2019-2020 budget. The final action of the Board on the 2019-2020 budget will take place on January 22, 2019 per the budget calendar. The budget assumptions provide an opportunity for the administration and the Board to propose budget items that will be included in the final recommendation of the administration’s 2019-2020 budget, which will be delivered to the Board over the winter break, in advance of the Board’s budget workshops in early January.

5.4. Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

6. Board Members' Comments

No comments were made.

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

7.1. Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair; Emily Rosenthal, Kirk Barneby

No report was given.

7.2. Communications Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair; Greg DeSantis, Kirk Barneby

Ms. Rosenthal reported the following:

The Communication committee met tonight to finalize our next column on the budget process and opportunities for public participation. This column will be posted at the end of the month. The "From the Board of Education" website is live, and November's column, on the work of the Tri-Board working group, is posted there. We will post this week a column on secondary education at the high school. If anyone has suggestions for topics they would like covered in

future columns, please let me know. We continue to outreach to realtors and other community groups. We are planning our January/February column to focus on the work of the Board, and what we do and do not do.

7.3. Facilities Committee

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

No report was given.

7.4. Finance Committee

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

No report was given.

7.5. Personnel Committee

Members: Tom Pellegrino, Chair; Violet McNerney, Happy Marino

Mr. Pellegrino reported the following:

Teachers negotiations had a successful conclusion with a successful ratification.
Teamster negotiations are still on going.

Mr. Pellegrino thanked committee and Heather Dobson for their work during these negotiations.

7.6. Policy Committee

Members: Greg DeSantis, Chair; Violet McNerney, Seth Klaskin

7.6.1. Policy #6163.32 Service Animals & Policy 5120.3.6 Animals in Schools (Third Reading)

7.6.2. Policy #5060 Registration for School (Third Reading)

7.6.3. 2019-2020 School Calendar

Ms. McNerney read the following report on behalf of the Greg DeSantis

Tonight there are three policies on the agenda for third reading:

- #6163.32, Service Animals
- #5120.3.6 Animals in Schools
- #5060 Registration for School

All three were again reviewed by the Policy committee at our November 20 meeting and no changes have been made.

On November 20 we also reviewed 5113, Student Attendance, which has already had a second reading. I have decided not to move this forward for a third reading tonight as a minor adjustment was recommended by the administration after the meeting occurred. I wanted the committee to have a chance to review this adjustment before having a third reading and vote, and we will do so at the December 18 Policy Committee meeting.

On November 20, the committee unanimously approved the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented by the administration, and it is before you tonight for consideration. I ask the full Board to consider two related items:

- After the calendar vote occurred, Laura Feinn helpfully pointed out that the October 8, 2019 BOE meeting coincides with Yom Kippur. Therefore, I am requesting that the BOE discuss adopting the calendar with the following modification: Removing the BOE meetings on October 8, 2019, and October 22, 2019, and replacing them with meetings on October 15, 2019, and October 29, 2019. This is the solution that would maintain at least two weeks between BOE meetings (including September and November). This is a recommendation only; I welcome any solution that the BOE finds to this scheduling conflict. If this solution is agreeable, someone can raise it as an amendment to the motion about the calendar later in the meeting.
- During our most recent Policy Committee meeting, we discussed having school break in March rather than in April. Given the many district changes occurring in 2019-2020, the committee agreed to begin this discussion for the 2020-2021 calendar process. This also affords us more time to research this matter and gain feedback. The Policy Committee asks the BOE to determine a process that we might undertake, as a full board, to gather feedback and research on this proposal well in advance of the 2020-2021 calendar process.

Finally, there are several policies that we will begin reviewing at our December 18 Policy Committee meeting. We discussed several of these briefly at our last meeting. Two notes on these policies:

- #6145 Graduation Requirements was briefly reviewed. The Policy Committee has recommended that this policy be brought to the Curriculum and Student Development committee as an information item before the Policy Committee takes any next steps.
- #4141 Social Networking was just approved by the BOE earlier this year. However, the administration has presented a new version from Shipman and Goodwin that is more streamlined and more cleanly addresses some of the concerns raised about the CAFE version that we modified and adopted. Given the recent discussion and adoption of #4141, the Policy Committee will consider whether we will request that this new version of #4141 be moved forward with waived readings. More to come on this topic.

Ms. Stein stated that after Mr. DeSantis sent in his Policy report another change in the 19-20 School Year Calendar was brought to their attention. A request would be made when voting on the 19-20 calendar that the March Board of Education meeting dates be changed to the following: March 10, 2020 and March 24, 2020.

7.7. LEARN Liaison Rotating

Mr. Klaskin reported the following from the November 8, 2018 meeting:

Just as the BOE votes on policies and takes minutes etc. LEARN operates the same way. There was a presentation by the Superintendent of New London regarding strategic planning. Mr. Klaskin stated how different their plan was compared to Madison Public Schools. With New London's plan focusing on magnet schools.

7.8. Tri-Board Working Group for Board of Education Facilities

Members: Galen Cawley, Kirk Barneby, Al Goldberg, Jean Ferris, Jude Hession-Friedman, Bennett Pudlin

Mr. Barneby reported the following:

The first public forum of the working group was held on November 28 at Ryerson School with roughly 80, or more.

Discussions took place regarding maintenance and repair of the schools.
Transportation of students that would exceed 40 minutes as well as security.

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

No comments were made.

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

9.1. Bills Payable: 2017-2018: \$68,646.35; 2018-2019: \$797,227.13

9.2. Line Transfers: \$91,068.11

9.3. Budget Expenditure as of November 29, 2018

9.4. Donation: \$5,000 from Jeffrey PTO to Jeffrey Elementary School to supplement field trips

MOTION: by Rosenthal seconded by Barneby
to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney;
Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Mr. Klaskin thanked Jeffrey PTO for their generous donation of \$5,000 to supplement field trips.

10. Action Item: To approve the removal of used books and equipment (Ref. Policy #3260) (on file)

MOTION: by Rosenthal seconded by Marino
to approve the removal of used books and equipment.

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney;
Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

11. Action Item: To approve the 2019-2020 Budget Assumptions

MOTION: by McNerney seconded by Barneby to approve the 2019-2020 Budget Assumptions.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

12. Action Item: To approve proposed Agreement between the Madison Board of Education and the Madison Education Association (MEA) effective: 7/1/19 – 6/30/22.

MOTION: by Personnel Committee to approve the proposed Agreement between the Madison Board of Education and the Madison Education Association (MEA) effective: 7/1/19 – 6/30/22.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

13. Action Item: To adopt the revisions to the following curriculum: US History; Grade 8 Writing Unit 2; and Writing for Career and College.

MOTION: by McNerney seconded by Pellegrino to adopt the revisions to the following curriculum: US History; Grade 8 Writing Unit 2; and Writing for Career and College.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

14. Action Item: To approve award of RFP to Madison Music Center for the purchase of musical instruments.

MOTION: by Rosenthal seconded by Klaskin to approve award of RFP to Madison Music Center for the purchase of musical instruments.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Marino
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

15. Action Item: To approve Policy #6163.32 Service Animals & Policy 5120.3.6 Animals in Schools.

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve Policy #6163.32 Service Animals & Policy 5120.3.6 Animals in Schools.

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

16. Action Item: To approve Policy #5060 Registration for School.

MOTION: by Policy Committee approve Policy #5060 Registration for School.

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

17. Action Item: That the Board rescind its action on November 13, 2018 approving the minutes of its meeting on October 9, 2018 as amended.

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Rosenthal that the Board rescind its action on November 13, 2018 approving the minutes of its meeting on October 9, 2018 as amended.

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

18. Action Item: That the Board approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by McNerney that the Board approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Barneby

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

- 19. Action Item:** That the Board approve the minutes of its meeting of October 9, 2018 as such minutes were originally presented on October 23, 2018.

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Pellegrino that the Board approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Board of Education meeting as such minutes were originally presented on October 23, 2018.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

- 20. Action Item:** That the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar be amended as follows:
October 2019 Board of Education meeting dates will now be October 15th & 29th.
March 2020 Board of Education meeting dates will now be March 10th & 24th.

MOTION: by Marino seconded by Klaskin that the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar be amended as follows:
October 2019 Board of Education meeting dates will now be October 15th & 29th.
March 2020 Board of Education meeting dates will now be March 10th & 24th.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

- 21. Action Item:** To approve the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar.

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve the 2019-2020 School Year Calendar as amended.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

- 22. Action Item:** To approve the 2017-2018 request for a Special Appropriation to replenish the External Placements for special Education Reserve Fund, \$85,000.

MOTION: by Finance Committee to approve the 2017-2018 request for a Special Appropriation to replenish the External Placements for special Education Reserve Fund, \$85,000.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

23. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.

24. Old Business

No old items were discussed.

25. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

26. Adjournment

MOTION: by Marino seconded by Pellegrino to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

AYES: Barneby; Cawley; Klaskin; Marino; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Approved at the December 18, 2018 BOE Meeting

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