

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
December 18, 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 7:34 p.m. Chairman Stein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kirk Barneby; Galen Cawley; Greg DeSantis; Seth Klaskin; 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 Administrator Early Retirement Incentive

MOTION: by Barneby seconded by DeSantis to enter Executive Session to discuss Administrator Early Retirement Incentive matter and contract negotiations at 7:36 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

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

3.1. Public Participation

No comments were made.

4. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report Ryan Tomicic and Jacqueline Sandor

Ryan did not attend the meeting due to auditions taking place for the upcoming musical Newsies.

Jacqueline reported on the following:

Hand launched new policies regarding vaping. There will be teachers/monitors outside most bathrooms.

Last Friday DHHS participated in the state wide pajama day for CT Children's Medical Center.

Getting ready for winter break with spirit week with jersey day, ugly sweater day and another pajama day. Meeting took place yesterday to prepare. Door decorating will begin tomorrow.

5. Superintendent's Report Thomas R. Scarice

5.1. Independent Study Student Experiences

Superintendent Scarice noted that last year Daniel Hand High School implemented the inaugural Independent Study course in a pilot program for five students. The student experience was incredibly positive. The five students shared their experiences with the Board and eventually presented in Boston, along with their teacher, Laura Stott, at an international conference for the Association for Curriculum and Supervision in March, 2018. This year, we had 12 students participate in the program and asked them to share their experiences with the Board. One student is a returning senior who also took the course as a junior, along with four peers. The students shared their experiences with the Board regarding their research projects and to answer any questions Board members may have.

5.2. 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
Mr. Cawley reported the following:

1) Curriculum Update: Computer Technical Education

A. Dan Grenier gave an update on CTE. He noted that Madison won the Connecticut Technical Educational Excellence (CTEE) award and also hosted the recent robotics competition.

B. He discussed changes to the Criminal Justice curriculum in terms of delivery, rigor, and assessment. The old courses centered around case studies and were graded on a multiple choice, T/F basis. The new curriculum stresses a holistic view of the police, court, and

correction system. Students are graded on a performance based assessment (PBA) which emphasizes critical thinking, collaboration, and presentation.

- C. Mr. Grenier also updated the committee on revisions to Computer Technical Education, in cooperation with local industry. Madison used a state grant awarded last year to improve our course offerings in rapid prototyping using 3D printers, subtractive prototyping using CNC mills, and the programming of automated manufacturing processing using robots.

2) Units adopted since start of cycles

Ms. Dahling-Hench noted that over 500 new units have been adopted since the advent of the new curriculum cycle six years ago.

3) Genocide/Holocaust education

- A. Peter Nye and Chris Pagliuco presented the ways in which genocides and the Holocaust are studied within history classes at the K-8 and high school level. The inquiry is developmentally appropriate for the 3rd grade, 7th grade, and high school level. Grade 3 focuses on the Native American Chief Uncas in the Pequot War; Grade 7 on human rights, equality, and governance with reference to the Holocaust; High school students study a number of genocides and analyze a number of common themes.

4) Overview of Policy changes #6145 Graduation requirements

- A. These changes are driven by changing state policy. Please refer to the attached exhibit.

5) Literacy Coach

- A. At the last Board meeting there was a presentation. This was a follow-up to see if there were any questions or information the Committee could offer.

7.2. Communications Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal Chair; Greg DeSantis, Kirk Barneby

No report was given.

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

The Committee met with Stacy Nobitz to take the Committee through detailed numbers for this years budget. The budget will be down compared to last years budget. Due to head count reduction, fewer hours worked and the reconfiguration of schools. This will offset the increase in salaries due to very well negotiated salary increases and some increase in insurance which was much less than expected.

7.5. Personnel Committee

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

No report was given.

7.6. Policy Committee

Members: Greg DeSantis Chair; Violet McNerney, Seth Klaskin

7.6.1. Policy #4141 Social Networking

The Policy Committee is asking that the Board waive readings during voting later in the meeting. An action item will be added.

7.6.2. Policy #5113 Student Attendance (Third Reading)

The policy is being presented tonight for third reading and will be voted on later in the meeting.

Policy #5110.4 and #5114 will be going for 1st reading at the January 8, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

Policy #5110.4: Suspension/Expulsion/Exclusion from School/School Activities
1st reading at the January 8, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

Policy #5114: Restraint and Seclusion
1st reading at the January 8, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

Discussion of Policy #6145: Graduation Requirements
More discussion at the end of the summer 2019

Discussion of Policy Readings and Process

- Policy #9610: Policy Development System
- Policy #9620: Policy Adoption
- Policy #9630: Policy / Bylaw Revision & Review

Looking to revise in January and February 2019

7.7. LEARN Liaison

Rotating: December meeting: Galen Cawley

Changes based on performance based thinking. LEARN is financially healthy. Also discussed was later start times and school bus schedules.

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

Kirk Barneby; Galen Cawley; Al Goldberg, Jean Ferris; Jude Friedman; Bennett Pudlin

Last meeting there was a presentation on transportation of student and Madison community. There was discussion at the last Public Forum regarding the concern of rides that would be longer than 45 minutes. Possible reconfiguration of school facilities and

transportation will be built into options for the full Board. Transportation is a key criteria when options are being considered.

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: \$29,532.02; 2018-2019: \$636,685.05

9.2. Line Transfers: \$32,535.43

9.3. Donation: \$1,000.00 from Jean Gerrity to Daniel Hand High School students in need of financial assistance for expenses i.e. class trips, yearbooks, class photos, prom, cap & gown, class ring, etc.)

9.4. Donation: \$19,750.00 from Vibe Supporters to the Daniel Hand High School Vibe Show Choir for equipment to provide a video wall backdrop for the show.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Mr. Klaskin and the Board thanked Jean Gerrity and Vibe Supporters for their generous donations.

10. Action Item: Minutes of the December 4, 2018 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Rosenthal to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DeSantis

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

11. Action Item: To add action item to waive readings for Policy #4141

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Rosenthal to approve Policy #5113 Student Attendance.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

12. Action Item: To waive reading and approve Policy #4141.

MOTION: by Policy Committee to waive readings and approve Policy #4141.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

13. Action Item: To approve Policy #5113 Student Attendance.

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve Policy #5113 Student Attendance.

AYES: Barneby; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Cawley

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

14. Action Item: To discuss and take action on Voluntary Normal Retirement Incentive Plan for Certified Administrators.

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Klaskin to discuss and take action on Voluntary Normal Retirement Incentive Plan for /Certified Administrators.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

15. Old Business

Ms. Rosenthal commented that the music exposure at Jeffery is enriching and adorable. Encore came to Jeffrey and the students spoke about it before and after the event.

16. Future Agenda Items

No new business was discussed.

17. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

18. Adjournment

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Pellegrino to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Approved at the January 8, 2019 BOE Meeting,

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