

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 08, 2019
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 7:37 p.m. Chairman Stein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kirk Barneby; Galen Cawley; Greg DeSantis; 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. School / Community Session - 7:30 p.m.

2.1. Recognition

- 2.1.1.** 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

Dan Grenier, Bryan Amenta and Luke Arsenault attended this evenings meeting to be recognized for the Connecticut Technology and Engineering Education Program of the Year. This is the second time Madison has won the award the first being in 2011. An incredible amount of work is put into this program. Superintendent Scarice, Ms. Dahling-Hench and the full Board thanked the team for all of their hard work.

2.2. Public Participation

James Matteson of 235 Green Hill Road stated that he was grateful to the Board for their hard work during the budget season. He asked that the Board bring the budget to a lower number for the tax payers of Madison. He also stated that the parents of students at Island Avenue thought the budget would decrease do to the school closing. He also noted that there are fewer households that have students in the District. Mr. Matteson thanked the Board on their continued work on the budget.

3. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Ryan Tomicic and Jacqueline Sandor

Ryan and Jacqueline reported on the following:

The new vaping policy was discussed. Jacqueline noted that some female students feel it is an invasion of privacy having a teacher/monitor outside the girl's bathroom. She also noted that in some cases it is the one place you can go privacy (i.e. a place to go if they are having a bad day and just need a few minutes to themselves). They also noted that there appears the number of student's vaping has cut back. There will be further discussion at the Student Leadership meeting on Friday.

Trimester two is in full swing. UConn mid term classes have taken place.

Superintendent Scarice asked if there has been any feedback regarding Decker who is a drug sniffing dog going to Daniel Hand. The student reps thought it was a good idea.

4. Superintendent's Report

Thomas R. Scarice

4.1. 2019-2020 Budget Update

Superintendent Scarice stated that the 2019-2020 Budget Update is to see if any BOE members had questions regarding the previously held Budget Workshop.

The Board members stated pros and cons regarding the budget as well as concerns they may have.

4.2. Other Matters

Superintendent Scarice stated that he and Mr. Barneby met with the Coldwell Realtors, stating that there were two selling points; the importance of educational programs over the facilities themselves and the concern of the level of property taxes.

Strategic planning on the MPS website as well as class size as well as support teachers have in the classroom.

Superintendent Scarice spoke about the need to expand the MSP website adding "why should I move my family to Madison" etc.

5. Board Members' Comments

No comments were made.

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

6.1. Curriculum and Student Development

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

No report was given.

6.2. Communications Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal Chair; Greg DeSantis, Kirk Barneby

Ms. Rosenthal spoke about getting the word out to the public regarding the budget through the MSP site as well as social media. Next meeting is scheduled for February 5th.

6.3. Facilities Committee

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

Tri-Board Working Group Forum is scheduled for January 15th.
No report was given.

6.4. Finance Committee

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

Mr. Barneby stated that he was happy overall with the budget process. This morning was the first time the group was able to meet since the Budget Workshop to go over the numbers.

Ms. Marino asked that an additional Finance Committee meeting be scheduled.

Ms. Stein reported the following on CIP:

CIP has been involved in several meetings to look at this year's requests. The board voted earlier this fall to advance several projects to the CIP for consideration. They included, security, pavement upgrades at Brown Middle School, the Outdoor Play and Learning Space at Brown Middle School, Storage facility at DHHS, and refinish of the DHHS gym floor. After lengthy discussion it was decided OPAL would be phased into 2 years. The first year of CIP will include the poured in place surface, the play structure and ADA compliance walkways, drainage and curbing. Additionally, security monies and the storage shed at the high school was kept in the first year. Year 2 will include the outdoor classroom, benches and amphitheater for Brown School's outdoor play area, pavement improvements to Brown school parking lot, and the gym floor. Security monies beyond year 2 have been made TBD pending the outcome of the Tri-Board Facilities group recommendations.

6.5. Personnel Committee

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

Mr. Pellegrino noted that they will begin negotiations in April for MAESS.

6.6. Policy Committee

Members: Greg DeSantis Chair; Violet McNerney, Seth Klaskin

6.6.1. First Reading: Policy #5110.4 - Suspension/Expulsion/Exclusion from School Activities

6.6.2. First Reading: Policy #5144 - Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out

The above policies will be going forward for second reading at the January 22, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

**6.7. LEARN Liaison
Rotating**

No report was given. Next scheduled meeting is January 10, 2019.

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

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

Mr. Barneby noted that they met with Coldwell Bankers. The second Tri-Board Working Group Forum is scheduled for January 15, 2019. This will help to get additional insight from the public on topics such as facilities, length of transportation time as well as security.

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

Ms. Liz Tucker-Plasky of Madison asked questions regarding the CIP and Public Forum which is scheduled to take place on January 15, 2019.

8. Action Item: To remove the Line Item Transfers from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Marino to remove the Line Items Transfers from the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

9. Action Item: To table approval of the Line Item Transfers until the January 22, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Barneby to table approval of the Line Item Transfers until the January 22, 2019 Board of Education Meeting

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

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

10.1. Bills Payable: 2017-2018: \$29,722.93; 2018-2019: \$1,373,425.23

~~10.2. Line Transfers:~~ ~~\$32,126.66~~

10.3. Budget Expenditure as of January 3, 2019

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Rosenthal to approve the Consent Agenda items 10.1 and 10.3.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

11. Action Item: Minutes of the December 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Violet to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Marino

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

13. Old Business

No new business was discussed.

14. Future Agenda Items

No future items were discussed.

15. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

16. Action Item: To enter into executive session to discuss District Security.

MOTION: by Barneby seconded by DeSantis to enter into executive session to discuss District Security at 8:40 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

17. Adjournment

MOTION: by McNerney seconded by Barneby to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Approved at the January 22, 2019 BOE Meeting

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