

# **SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

**March 19, 2019**

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

#### **2.1. Public Participation**

No comments were made.

### **3. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report**

Ryan Tomicic and Jacqueline Sandor

Ryan and Jacqueline reported on the following:

Trimester 2 had ended and students had their final exams.  
Trimester 3 started 2 days ago.

VIBE had its last public performance at DHHS

The girl's basketball team was runner up in the Class L finals.  
The hockey team made it to the state semi-finals.

#### **4. Superintendent's Report**

Thomas R. Scarice

##### **4.1. Tri-State Visit Follow-up: Math Program**

Superintendent Scarice noted that last Monday the district hosted the official follow up visit from the Tri State Consortium from May 2017. The focus of the visit was the K-12 Mathematics program. Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Cawley and Ms. Rosenthal were able to attend last Monday and Superintendent Scarice asked them to share their thoughts this evening. As discussed at the last BOE meeting, this process is a powerful peer review exercise, and in Superintendent Scarice's opinion, ought to be an industry standard for continuous improvement and strategic efforts. Ms. Dahling-Hench and our math coaches, secondary program coordinators presented an overview of the follow up visit for the Board.

##### **4.2. Other Matters**

Recognition: Madison Public Schools – Social Workers

Superintendent Scarice stated that the District is very grateful for the work that they do. Also stating that it is some of the most important work in the District. Superintendent Scarice thanked them on behalf of the District and the Board of Education.

Superintendent Scarice shared information related to a state report on subgroup performance and informed the Board that there would be follow up at an upcoming curriculum committee meeting.

#### **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

Mr. Cawley reported on the following:

Dr. Liz Battaglia gave an orientation on ESS at Polson/ DHHS to the Curriculum and Student Development Committee.

The Spain 2020, Europe 2020, Canada 2020 and Dominican Republic 2020 trips were discussed at the committee meeting and will be voted on later in the BOE meeting.

Paul Mezick discussed the chemical hygiene plan with the Curriculum Committee. An agenda item to be added to future BOE agenda for the Chemical Hygiene Plan to be adopted.

Chris Pagliuco discussed the TEAM program with the Curriculum Committee. More details to come.

## Other Matters: Superintendent Scarice

Superintendent Scarice spoke about the horrific display of behavior that occurred in a local supermarket. This came within a day after the district finally culminated with all the work we've been doing around the topics of racism, tolerance and civil discourse. There was a lot to read and that was intentional. The district wanted to make sure that folks are very aware at how serious the district takes those issues and how much pride we take in educating our kids the best we can and we are never done and will never say we are perfect but we are always pursuing that level of perfection.

### **6.2. Communications Committee**

Members: Emily Rosenthal Chair; Greg DeSantis, Kirk Barneby

No report was given.

### **6.3. Facilities Committee**

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

No report was given.

### **6.4. Finance Committee**

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

Mr. Barneby reported on the following Finance Committee and the Tri-Board Working Group:

The committee discussed the options to present to all three Boards with the best thoughts at how the school facilities should look in Madison. Collier has been a critical element regarding the reconfiguration of the District. Mr. Barneby stated that he would like the full BOE to discuss and take action for Collier to continue working from April – July 1<sup>st</sup>. and continuing the work from July 1<sup>st</sup> to the next fiscal year. The committee has a meeting with BOF tomorrow evening and BOS next week and then CIP.

The committee also put together a check list of must pay item.

Line Item Review has been handed over to Mr. DeSantis and the Policy Committee to address

### **6.5. Personnel Committee**

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

Mr. Pellegrino reported the following:

Have not met since the last BOE meeting. Still in negotiations with Teamster which is leaning towards arbitrations.

### **6.6. Policy Committee**

Members: Greg DeSantis Chair; Violet McNerney, Seth Klaskin

Mr. DeSantis reported on the following:

- The committee reviewed the elementary conference dates for 2019-20, which will be 10/23, 10/24, 2/5, and 2/6. Going forward, the committee will review these dates at the same time as the calendar approval process.
- The "Classroom Observations" policy was unanimously recommended to be moved forward for a first reading at the next Board meeting
- The "Policy Review Process" policy was unanimously recommended to be moved forward for a first reading at the next Board meeting
- A potential "Home Visits by Social Workers" policy was discussed and will be discussed again at the next policy meeting
- The concept of a policy related to out-of-district tuition-paying students was discussed and will be discussed again at the next policy meeting
- The Anonymous Reporting App user agreement was discussed. The committee recommends that the user agreement is more appropriate than pursuing a related policy at this time. The Board will hear more about the Anonymous Reporting App and the user agreement in the near future
- We did not have time to discuss the "School Violence" policy but the committee agreed to discuss at the next policy meeting.

#### **6.7. LEARN Liaison**

Rotating

No report was given.

#### **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 gave the Tri-Board Working Group report during the Finance Committee report.

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

Liz Tucker-Plasky thanked Superintendent Scarice for the recent email regarding civil discourse. She stated that it has prompted a lot of discussion. Ms. Tucker-Plasky the question of how do parents have those difficult “talks” with children at different ages especially younger children K-elementary school. Superintendent Scarice noted that the best way to start is to talk to the schools principal or the students teachers regarding how to have tough discussions regarding the topics that are difficult to talk about at different ages.

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

**8.1. Bills Payable:** 2017/2018 - \$8,752.00; 2018/2019 - \$808,998.33

**8.2. Line Transfers:** \$30,461.40

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**9. Action Item: Minutes of the March 5, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)**

MOTION: by Barneby seconded by Rosenthal to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.  
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**10. Action Item: To approve Spain 2020 trip**

MOTION: by the Curriculum and Student Development Committee to approve Spain 2020 trip.  
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**11. Action Item: To approve Europe 2020 trip**

MOTION: by the Curriculum and Student Development Committee to approve Europe 2020 trip.  
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**12. Action Item: To approve Canada 2020 trip**

MOTION: by the Curriculum and Student Development Committee to approve Canada 2020 trip.  
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Klaskin; McNerney; Pellegrino; Rosenthal; Stein  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**13. Action Item: To approve Dominican Republic 2020 trip**

MOTION: by the by the Curriculum and Student Development Committee to approve Dominican Republic 2020 trip.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**14. Action Item: To discuss and take action to request a Special Appropriation from the CNRE Fund for \$25,000 to continue the planning phase on the BOE Facilities Study from April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019.**

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Cawley to discuss and take action to request a Special Appropriation from the CNRE Fund for \$25,000 to continue the planning phase on the BOE Facilities Study from April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**15. Action Item: To discuss and take action to request the Town to modify the 2019-20 Capital Improvement Program to include planning funds in the amount of \$100,000 for the BOE Facilities Study for fiscal year 2019-2020.**

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by Klaskin to discuss and take action to request the Town to modify the 2019-20 Capital Improvement Program to include planning funds in the amount of \$100,000 for the BOE Facilities Study for fiscal year 2019-2020.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

**16. Old Business**

**17. Future Agenda Items**

**18. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)**

## 19. Adjournment

MOTION: by Barneby seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

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