SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
May 07, 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; Violet McNerney; Emily Rosenthal; Katie Stein

Happy Marino via phone until 7:45pm

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. Teacher Appreciation Week - May 6-10, 2019

Superintendent Scarice noted that National Teacher Appreciation Day, also known as National Teacher Day, is observed on the Tuesday of the first full week in May. This day is part of Teacher Appreciation Week, which is the first full week in May of each year.

The National Education Association describes National Teacher Day ***"****as a day for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions they make to our lives".*

Superintendent Scarice introduced Danielle Fragoso a Special Education Teacher who attended the meeting representing the teachers of Madison Public Schools.

2.1.2. National Nurses Week - May 6-12, 2019

Superintendent Scarice and the Board thanked the teachers for all they do.
National Nurses Day is celebrated annually on May 6 to raise awareness of the important role nurses play in society. Superintendent Scarice noted that he spoke with 2-3 seniors who will be pursuing nursing in college.

Superintendent Scarice stated that not only are the nurses there for bumps and bruises but for emotional support as well. Superintendent also stated that the nurses are there for students, staff as well as the parents.

Superintendent Scarice asked the nurses to introduce themselves. Attending tonight were the following:

Maura Cutler, Wendy Flynn, Dashana Kyttle and Karen Owen

On behalf of the Board Ms. Stein wanted to thank the teachers and nurses who have the most lovable and noble professions.

Superintendent Scarice noted that he often receives email from parents regarding the care their child has received from both the teachers and nurses.

2.1.3. CAS Elementary Exemplary Educator Award - Adrienne Bransfield

Superintendent Scarice introduced Jill Hale Assistant Executive Director for Connecticut Association of Schools. Ms. Hale introduced Adrienne as the recipient of the CAS Exemplary Educator Award.

Each spring, the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) member principals are encouraged to nominate one of their outstanding teachers to receive the CAS Exemplary Educator Award. Teachers who go "above and beyond" in service to their students and their school, who demonstrate superior instructional practices and who are seen as leaders among their peers are often the nominees selected to be highlighted in this recognition program. One teacher per level (elementary, middle and high) is selected based upon written support submitted by the candidate's school as well as an in-person interview. There is only one recipient for each level in the entire state. This is a most prestigious honor.

2.2. 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:

The Diversity Club had its first assembly and it was well done. The Diversity Club is student run and it teachers you how to be kind to others. A teacher from the middle school was the speakers at the assembly. She spoke about how being a Muslim in America and how she was viewed in a very negative way.

May 1st is senior decision day

The final spring band concert is scheduled for May 15 at 7:30pm
Art show May 15th at 6:30pm

Ryan stated that he is directing a student run performance on nicotine which will take place on May 17th

The students are entering their last 1/2 of the last trimester for the school year

There was a pre prom meeting regarding opioid addiction. A teacher of MPS spoke about her son and his addiction to opioids. The students then watched a film Chasing the Dragon regarding opioid addiction.

Last week was the junior prom which was a great success
Senior prom is June 1st

The new BOE Student Representative should be announced at the next BOE meeting.

4. Superintendent's Report

4.1. Reconfiguration Update

Superintendent Scarice updated the Board on the MPS reconfiguration.

At the last Board meeting an update was given that last summer and fall the majority of time was spent on operations and logistics, the middle of the school year was spent on staffing and the last month or so has been focused on the students and parents. All updates can be found on the MPS website under the reconfiguration tab.

Art Sickle will be working on the technology move and Bill McMinn will be working on the move of the furniture. Currently the building administrators are working across two schools while the transition is taking place.

4.2. Strategic Plan/Balanced Scorecard Update - Discussion of Upcoming Stakeholder Outcome Measures

Superintendent Scarice provided the Board with the outcome measures in the District's strategic plan including an alumni study, and a parent satisfaction survey.

4.3. Chartwells' Agreement - Amendment #3

Art Sickle attended this evenings BOE meeting to answer any questions the Board may have regarding amendment #3 to the contract between the Madison Board of Education and Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Chartwells Division. The original Agreement to which this Amendment applies is dated July 1, 2016. Amendment Number Three extends the term of the agreement for an additional year, consistent with the original agreement language allowing up to three one year renewals. There will be a motion later in the meeting Item #13 to vote on the agreement.

4.4. Other Matters

Superintendent Scarice noted that there was a great turn out at last weeks Invasion of Innocence with approximately 200 people in attendance. Superintendent Scarice along with Claudia Califano, M.D. of Yale Child Student Center and Scott Cochran, LCSW of Madison Youth and Family Services. The topic was – How the internet is influencing the social, emotional and sexual development of our kids.

Ms. Marcie Rocchio a teacher at DHHS had a class regarding On Your Own. Approximately 15-20 local professionals attended. They conducted interviews with the students and the students

provided resumes and cover letters. Superintendent Scarice noted that this was a great experience.

5. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Barneby asked if there was an update on the Cuba trip. Superintendent stated that he would get an update. Ms. McNerney stated that she wanted the community members to know this trip is not a trip that has been authorized by the Board.

Mr. Barneby asked Ryan if the Diversity Club had a speaker that spoke about anti Semitism. Both Ryan and Jacqueline stated that the speaker mainly spoke after her post 9/11 experience as a Muslim living in America.

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

6.1. Curriculum and Student Development
Members: Galen Cawley, Chair; Emily Rosenthal, Kirk Barneby

The committee has not met since the last BOE meeting. No report was given. The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

6.2. Communications Committee
Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair; Greg DeSantis, Kirk Barneby

Ms. Rosenthal reported on the following:

The Communications Committee met tonight. We discussed our outreach and columns to date, work that we will do over the summer, future topics, as well as publicizing the May 16th forum and Brown playground.

6.3. Facilities Committee
Members: Seth Klaskin, Chair; Galen Cawley, Greg DeSantis

The committee has not met since the last BOE meeting. No report was given.

6.4. Finance Committee
Members: Kirk Barneby, Chair; Happy Marino, Galen Cawley, Tom Pellegrino

The committee has not met since the last BOE meeting. No report was given.

6.5. Personnel Committee
Members: Tom Pellegrino, Chair; Violet McNerney, Happy Marino

No report was given.

6.6. Policy Committee
Members: Greg DeSantis, Chair; Violet McNerney, Seth Klaskin

6.6.1. Classroom Observations Policy (Third Reading)

6.6.2. Policy Review Process Policy (Third Reading)

6.6.3. Policy #6090.1 - Home Visits by Social Workers (first reading)

6.6.4. Policy #3090 - Financial Records and Reports (first reading)

6.6.5. Policy #3110 - Paying for Goods and Services (propose removal)

6.6.6. Policy #3140 - Line Item Transfers (first reading)

6.6.7. Policy #9540.8 - Voting Method (first reading)

Mr. DeSantis reported on the following:

There are two policies being presented for third reading and to take action on later in the meeting.

- Classroom Observations Policy
- Policy Review Process Policy

The following policies are being presented to the full Board tonight.

- Policy #6090.1 - Home Visits by Social Workers (first reading)
- Policy #3090 - Financial Records and Reports (first reading)
- Policy #3110 - Paying for Goods and Services (propose removal)
- Policy #3140 - Line Item Transfers (first reading)
- Policy #9540.8 - Voting Method (first reading)

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 reported on the following:

Looked at the site feasibility study for options the committee is considering moving forward to the Facilities committee for consideration to the Tri-Board for consideration. The committee continues to work with Collier on assessing cost for the various options.

Stacy Nobitz has started working with bond council to determine what the bonding implications are for the various options and what the implications of the property tax will be for the various options.

The first public presentation will May 10th at a PRC meeting. A Public Forum will be held on May 16th at Brown at 7:00pm. The committee is hoping to have a diverse group; parents, non parents as well as different age groups.

The District has contracted with Great Blue to due a survey. Great Blue has given the committee a draft of their questions. The questions will better be defined after the meetings on May 10th and May 16th at which Great Blue will be in attendance. Their will be a survey of the public by phone with a deliverable date of mid June.

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

No comments were made.

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

8.1. Bills Payable: 2018-2019: $181,146.33; 2017-2018: $4,000.00

8.2. Line Transfers: $573,307.95

8.3. Budget Expenditure as of May 3, 2019

MOTION: by Barneby seconded by DeSantis to approve the Consent Agenda.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; McNerney; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

9. Action Item: Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Barneby seconded by Rosenthal to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Marino, McNerney
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

10. Action Item: To approve the Classroom Observations Policy

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve the Classroom Observations Policy
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; McNerney; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

11. Action Item: To approve the Policy Review Process Policy

MOTION: by Policy Committee to approve the Policy Review Process Policy
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; McNerney; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

12. Action Item: To approve E-Waste Removal List

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by McNerney to approve E-Waste Removal List.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; McNerney; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

13. Action Item: To approve Chartwells' Agreement Amendment #3

MOTION: by Rosenthal seconded by McNerney to approve Amendment #3 to the contract between the Madison Board of Education and Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Chartwells Division. The original Agreement to which this Amendment applies is dated July 1, 2016. Amendment Number Three extends the term of the agreement for an additional year, consistent with the original agreement language allowing up to three one year renewals. An investment equal to the previous annual five year depreciation expense has been added, and the annual fees under this Amendment are $85,683.37 plus $0.0542 per meal equivalent. This represents a 3% increase in the fixed fee, and a 0% increase in per meal equivalent rate.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; McNerney; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

14. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

15. Future Agenda Items

No future items were discussed.

16. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

17. Adjournment

MOTION: by DeSantis seconded by McNerney to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.
AYES: Barneby; Cawley; DeSantis; McNerney; Rosenthal; Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

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