

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Meeting Regular Meeting
October 29, 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 7:33 p.m. Chairman Stein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kirk Barneby, Galen Cawley (7:42 p.m.), Greg DeSantis, Seth Klaskin, Happy Marino, Tom Pellegrino, Emily Rosenthal, Katie Stein

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

2.1. Public Participation

No public participation

3. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report Jacqueline Sandor and Eric Dillner

Ms. Sandor reported last Saturday's Homecoming went well, with no issues. Halloween is this Thursday and Friday is a day off for students. Mr. Dillner reported there were a large number of colleges in attendance at the College Fair on October 24. The M.A.D.E biennial survey was taken by the entire student body today. The Robotics Team will take over the high school this weekend for the statewide robotics competition.

4. Recognition

4.1. Board of Education Members: Happy Marino and Seth Klaskin

Mrs. Marino and Mr. Klaskin were recognized for their service to the Madison Public Schools. Service awards were given and Board members individually thanked both for their many contributions.

5. Superintendent's Report Thomas R. Scarice

Superintendent Scarice was unable to attend tonight's meeting. In his absence, Chair Stein reported the Strategic Plan will be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Barneby distributed an updated set of 2020-2021 Budget Assumptions.

5.1. 2019-2020 Strategic Plan Administration Recommendations

5.2. Review of 2020-2021 Budget Assumptions

5.3. Other Matters

6. Board Members' Comments

No comments.

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

7.1. Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair; Emily Rosenthal, Greg DeSantis

No report.

7.2. Communications Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal Chair; Greg DeSantis, Kirk Barneby

No report.

7.3. Facilities Committee

Members: Seth Klaskin, Chair, Galen Cawley, Kirk Barneby

Mr. Klaskin reported the committee met last week and discussed the Ad Hoc Committee on School Safety, taking stock of where we are and where we need to be.

7.4. Finance Committee

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

Mr. Barneby reported the committee met this evening. The committee reviewed and voted on the proposed change in the budget operating guidelines to now include combining the Transition Coordinator position with the Director of Guidance. The committee also discussed their role going forward in response to the adoption of budget assumptions and the budget, as well as scheduling an additional budget workshop. After the 2020-2021 budget is adopted, the committee will review their function for the future.

7.5. Personnel Committee

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

Mr. Pellegrino reported the committee met tonight and continued discussions in terms of researching a possible employee engagement survey. The committee identified companies that have previously administered surveys within school districts. These firms questions to select from, providing for anonymity and confidentiality. This is still in the investigation stage as references are being checked.

7.6. Policy Committee

Members: Greg DeSantis Chair; Violet McNerney, Seth Klaskin

Mr. DeSantis reported that tonight's meeting was cancelled due to illness and reminded the Board there are four policies on the agenda for a second reading. No comments have been received. A third reading will be part of the next Board agenda.

7.6.1. Second Reading: Policy #5120.3.4 - Management Plan and Guidelines for Students with Food Allergies, Glycogen Storage Disease and/or Diabetes

7.6.2. Second Reading: Policy #5144.4 - Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline

7.6.3. Second Reading: Policy #6146 - Graduation Requirements

7.6.4. Second Reading: Sunscreen Application in School Policy

7.7. LEARN Liaison
Emily Rosenthal

Mrs. Rosenthal reported the LEARN Board of Directors met October 10. The superintendent of Groton Public Schools spoke about closing 2 middle schools and relocating students to a new campus. Regionalization efforts, for the purposes of cost savings and shared services, were also discussed. Roundtable topics included vaping and cyber threats.

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

No response

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

No items to approve

10. Action Item: To approve trip to Galapagos and the Andes

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Cawley to approve the Galapagos and Andes trip slated for July 7-17, 2021
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Klaskin, Marino, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

11. Action Item: To approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Barneby to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Board of Education meeting.
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, Klaskin, Marino, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: DeSantis
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

12. Old Business

13. Future Agenda Items

14. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

15. Adjournment

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Barneby to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, Klaskin, Marino, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

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