

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 21, 2020
7:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Attendance

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

2.1. Recognition

Superintendent Scarice introduced Craig Semple, DHHS Athletic Director. Mr. Semple thanked the Board for their support and spoke to the accomplishments of the sports program over the past 10 years: 60 State Championships, 32 State Titles, and 28 time finalists, all in 12 different sports. As a result, the high school was awarded the Vantage Cup last season as the #1 finisher in the State of Connecticut. Awarding of the Vantage Cup occurs post-season and is based on how well all sports performed for 3 seasons. Points are awarded and all schools compete, regardless of the school size.

Coach Greg Cumpstone talked about the season and commended the captains (Cole Finke, Jack Green and Spencer Hartmann).

2.2. Public Participation - None

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

Jackie Sandor reported on the VIBE Cabaret performance last weekend. Eric Dillner was not in attendance.

4. Superintendent's Report Thomas R. Scarice

4.1. Effective School Solutions Mid-Year Update

Superintendent Scarice introduced Dr. Liz Battaglia and Cheryl Planten, Executive Clinical Director of Effective School Solutions. Dr. Battaglia and Ms. Planten spoke to the mission of the program and the scope of the clinical regimen, as well as the impact on the district since its inception. Program objectives and statistics were reviewed, including information regarding out of district and home instruction returnees and the prevention of out of district placements. Estimated savings moving forward, clinical vignettes, key accomplishments and patient satisfaction survey results were also discussed.

4.2. Other Matters

- The South Central Regional Council of Governments is applying for a regional grant which covers two areas of interest to our schools: food waste diversion program and cyber security training for employees and infrastructure assessment. In order to

participate, the Board of Selectmen has to pass a resolution in support of the application. This will be an agenda item at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

- We will be keeping an eye on a case currently in the U.S. Supreme Court vs. the State of Montana. This case involves a State of Montana tax credit program whereby there is a dollar for dollar credit to any individual donating to a non-profit student scholarship. This ruling could approve the use of public funds for private educational purposes. More to come.

5. Board Members' Comments

- Kirk Barneby reported that the CIP met this morning where Superintendent Scarice presented the school facilities plan.
- The Board of Selectmen met last week to discuss the timing of the referendum for the school facilities and the proposed Academy Community Center. It is unlikely the referendum will be held in May; September or November is now under consideration.
- The “Girls Go CyberStart” competition is again underway. Last year, a team of 8 DHHS girls participated and won first place in the State.

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

6.1. Curriculum and Student Development

Galen Cawley, Chair, Greg DeSantis, Catherine Miller

No report.

6.2. Communications Committee

Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Greg DeSantis, Kirk Barneby

No report – next meeting February 11, 2020.

6.3. Facilities Committee

Tom Pellegrino, Chair, Kirk Barneby, Galen Cawley

Mr. Pellegrino reported the committee met last week. Bill McMinn and Chuck Warrington of Colliers International were in attendance. The committee reviewed/discussed:

- Detailed construction cost summary for Brown to transition to a K-5 school. The summary involves 5 scopes of phases. It is recommended to reduce to 3 phases, which would accomplish all programmatic needs, bringing it to well within the Board-approved CIP Plan.
- Mr. Warrington reviewed the Master Plan for 2019-2024.
- A site survey for the Green Hill Campus was discussed in order to better educate the public.

The Facilities Committee and Communications Committee will work closely together to get information out to the public.

6.4. Finance Committee

Kirk Barneby, Chair, Galen Cawley, Tom Pellegrino

Mr. Barneby reported the Finance Committee met this evening and discussed the final audit of the 2018-2019 School Year budget. There is \$143,000 to be returned to the Town; however, administration has requested \$65,000 be put aside in the special education reserve, increasing it from \$285,000 to \$350,000. The Finance Committee voted to move to the full board, with an action item scheduled at the next Board meeting.

6.5. Personnel Committee

Violet McNerney, Chair, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Catherine Miller

No report.

6.6. Policy Committee

Greg DeSantis, Chair, Violet McNerney, Emily Rosenthal

Mr. DeSantis reported the committee met this evening and began reviewing the 1000 Series policies, 6 of which will be forthcoming:

- Three policies, which will be completely replaced with Shipman & Goodwin's version, will be brought forward for a first reading.
- Two policies to be removed.
- One policy will be re-written.

6.7. CIP Committee

Katie Stein, Kirk Barneby

Previously reported under Board Member comments.

6.8. LEARN Liaison

Diane Infantine-Vyce

Dr. Infantine-Vyce was not in attendance this evening. Chair Stein provided the following report: LEARN reviewed legislative updates; the legislative session convenes in February. One issue on the docket is later school start times. Executive Director Kate Ericson gave a board member orientation and meeting dates have been established.

6.9. Board of Selectmen Liaison

Scott Murphy

Mr. Murphy reported that Bruce Wilson was voted in as a new Board of Selectmen member this week. The BoS is currently interviewing for an ad hoc Government Study Committee, as well as the Island Avenue Future Use Committee. Nineteen people are scheduled to be interviewed for the IAS committee for a slot of 6. Negotiations for the IAS lease are ongoing. Thanks to the work of the CIP, there is a proposed facilities study on the town buildings. Departmental budget presentations begin on January 23.

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

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

8.1. Line Item Transfers: \$54,605.03

MOTION by Barneby, seconded by DeSantis to approve the Consent Agenda.
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, McNerney, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

9. Action Item: Minutes of the January 7, 2020 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION by Barneby, seconded by DeSantis to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 Board of Education meeting.
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, McNerney, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

10. Action Item: Approval of \$1,000 donation to Ryerson Elementary School from CT Association of Schools Special Olympics / Unified Sports

MOTION by Rosenthal, seconded by McNerney to approve the \$1,000 donation to Ryerson Elementary School from CT Association of Schools Special Olympics/Unified Sports.
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, McNerney, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

11. Old Business

None

12. Future Agenda Items

No items noted

13. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

The February 25th Curriculum & Student Development Committee meeting start time has changed to 5:30 p.m.

14. Adjournment

MOTION by Barneby, seconded by Pellegrino to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 a.m.
AYES: Barneby, Cawley, DeSantis, McNerney, Pellegrino, Rosenthal, Stein
NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

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