

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

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I. Call to Order / Attendance

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Seth Klaskin at 7:37 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, Steve Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Lucy Fritzingler and Eli Ackerman

Lucy reported on winter sports and music performances. She shared that high school conferences will take place on Feb. 1. Eli shared that students have reached the midpoint of the school year and reported that the freshman orientation held earlier this month was a success.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig Cooke, Ph.D.

Dr. Cooke shared with the Board a budget summary sheet that will be distributed to the community. He said office staff produce this document every year to facilitate sharing factual information about the BOE approved budget. The budget now moves on to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

Dr. Cooke shared with the board information from CABE regarding the upcoming legislative session and what items it considers a priority for schools.

V. Board Members' Comments

Dr. Infantine-Vyce congratulated the women's fencing team on its recent success and Mrs. Connelly congratulated VIBE on its recent win. Mr. Pynn commented that he attended a legislative breakfast and heard from numerous other districts that they too are worried about the reading program the state is trying to implement at the K-3 level. Chairman Klaskin said in

response to the State trying to force a program on local districts, Madison has submitted a waiver to allow the District to keep using its own curriculum. Chairman Klaskin said he was pleased to sign a letter on behalf of the Board for the District's waiver application.

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

None

VII. Board of Selectmen Liaison

Scott Murphy

Mr. Murphy was not in attendance.

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

VIII.A. Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Jen Gordon

No report. The committee will meet Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

VIII.B. Facilities Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Steven Pynn, Galen Cawley

No report. The committee will meet Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII.C. Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Emily Rosenthal

No report. The committee has not met.

VIII.D. Personnel Committee

Members: Maureen Lewis, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Lewis reported that the committee has met and has reached a tentative agreement with the new nurses' union. She expects the agreement will be ratified in February and brought to the Board for its approval in March.

VIII.E. Policy Committee

Members: Diane Infantine-Vyce, Chair; Maureen Lewis, Jen Gordon

Dr. Infantine-Vyce reviewed the following policies proposed for a second reading and approval: #2240 Retention of Electronic Records and Information, #4119 Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Reports of Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees, #5120.3 Health Assessment/Screenings and Oral Health Assessment, #7551 Naming/Renaming of School Buildings, Components of Buildings and/or School Grounds, #9220.2 Oath of Office, #9325.43 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications

VIII.F. LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Connelly reported that she attended the most recent LEARN meeting via Zoom. The meeting was focused on budget.

VIII.G. Town Marijuana Advisory Committee

Speaker(s): Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Connelly reported that the committee will meet Thursday, Jan. 26.

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: #2240, Retention of Electronic Records and Information; #4119, Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Reports of Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees; #5120.3, Health Assessments/Screenings and Oral Health Assessment; #7551, Naming/Renaming of School Buildings, Components of Buildings and/or School Grounds; #9220.2, Oath of Office; #9325.43, Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to approve policy #2240, Retention of Electronic Records and Information; #4119, Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Reports of Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees; #5120.3, Health Assessments/Screenings and Oral Health Assessment; #7551, Naming/Renaming of School Buildings, Components of Buildings and/or School Grounds; #9220.2, Oath of Office; #9325.43, Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to accept the resignation of Board Member Jennifer Gordon

MOTION: by Connelly, seconded by Rosenthal to accept the resignation of Board member Jennifer Gordon.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller,
Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Board of Education Budget Workshop (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Pynn to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Board of Education Budget Workshop.
AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Connelly requested that a safety discussion be added to an upcoming meeting agenda.

XIV. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

XV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Lewis to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.
AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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