

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 2023 7:30 PM

Town Campus Hammonasset Room/Zoom
10 Campus Drive
Madison, CT 06443

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

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I. Call to Order / Attendance

The regular meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Vice Chairman Galen Cawley at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Cawley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Maureen Lewis, Christine Maisano, Catherine Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Bill McMinn, Director of Facilities; Arthur Sickles, Director of Administrative Services; Frank Henderson, Brown Intermediate School Principal

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Presentation - Code of Conduct

Dr. Cooke shared with the Board draft copies of the 2023-2024 Code of Conduct for Hand, Polson, and the PreK-5 schools. The most significant change to the documents is moving the preschool, elementary, and intermediate schools to one document in preparation for the upcoming reconfiguration. Other changes include eliminating outdated policy references and amending definitions to comply with updated state statutes. Dr. Cooke clarified that the Board does not vote on the Code of Conduct; the draft documents were provided to keep the board apprised of the changes.

IV. Presentation - Safety & Security

Dr. Cooke, Mr. McMinn, Mr. Sickles, and Mr. Henderson gave a presentation on safety and security in the district. The presentation can be viewed in its entirety via a recording posted in the Meetings & Minutes section of the website.

V. Board Members' Comments

No comments.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VII. Action Item: Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss security.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Maisano to enter into Executive Session to discuss security.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

VIII. Action Item: Motion to return to Regular Session

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to return to Regular Session.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve the donation of \$2,000 from the Bauer Charitable Trust to improve the pollinator garden at Daniel Hand High School.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the donation of \$2,000 from the Bauer Charitable Trust to improve the pollinator garden at Daniel Hand High School

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the \$2,000 donation by the Polson PTO to support the Polson Middle School Grade 8 trip to Holiday Hill.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Connelly to approve the donation of \$2,000 by the Polson PTO to support the Polson Middle School Grade 8 trip to Holiday Hill.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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