

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 7:30 PM

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

Subject to Approval

Meeting Motions

Video documentation of these proceedings can be found in the Meetings/Minutes section of the website.

I. Call to Order / Attendance

The regular meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Vice Chairman Galen Cawley at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Cawley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Klaskin arrived at 7:37 p.m.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly (on Zoom), Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Christine Maisano (on Zoom), Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Stacy Nobitz, Director of Finance; Becky Frost, Jeffrey Elementary School Principal; members of the New Elementary School Naming Committee

II. School / Community Session

Public Participation

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Eli Ackerman and Brooke Anderson

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Presentation: Ad-Hoc New Elementary School Naming Committee Recommendations
- Proposed 2024-2025 Budget Discussion

V. Board Members' Comments

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

VII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of December 31, 2023
- Budget Expenditures as of December 31, 2023
- December Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the consent agenda.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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

Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

Facilities Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Steven Pynn, Diane Infantine-Vyce

Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Christine Maisano, Emily Rosenthal

Personnel Committee

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

Policy Committee

Members: Diane Infantine-Vyce, Chair; Maureen Lewis, Galen Cawley

Policy for Rescission, First Reading

- 9800 School Board Member Services
- 9810 New Board Member Orientation / Handbook
- 9820 Board Member Development Opportunities
- 9830 Board Facilities and Services

Policy for Review, First Reading

- 5090.4.2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Policy for Rescission, Waive Second Reading

- 5100.5 Student Fundraising Activities
- 5120.1 Student Insurance Coverage
- 5120.2 Reports of Accidents
- 5150 Employment
- 5160 Gifts to Employees

Policy for Rescission, Second Reading

- 9540.11 News Media Service at Meetings
- 9900 School Board Legislative Program
- 9910 State Legislative Program
- 5120.9.4 Bicycle and Rollerblade Use
- 5120.4.2.3 Substance Abuse Counseling

Policy for Review, Second Reading

- 9510 Time, Place and Notice of Meetings
Repeal and Replace
9510 Regular Board Meetings
9520 Special Board Meetings
9540.1 Notification of Board Meetings
- 5090.8.1 Search and Seizure
- 5090.3.1 Student Dress

- 5144.4 Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline

LEARN Liaison
Mary Ann Connelly

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to reduce the proposed budget \$15,718, eliminating additional funding for the AP Prep Program.

**Rollcall vote*

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

NAYS: Connelly, Maisano

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 2 – 0

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Cawley to approve the amended 2024-2025 budget of \$63,885,156, a 3.41% increase in spending.

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

NAYS: Connelly, Maisano

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 2 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the addition of paper towels at Daniel Hand High School for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the addition of paper towels at Daniel Hand High School for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

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

NAYS: Connelly, Maisano

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 2 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 5100.5 Student Fundraising Activities, 5120.1 Student Insurance Coverage, 5120.2 Reports of Accidents, 5150 Employment, 5160 Gifts to Employees

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 5100.5 Student Fundraising Activities, 5120.1 Student Insurance Coverage, 5120.2 Reports of Accidents, 5150 Employment, 5160 Gifts to Employees.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to rescind the following policies: 9540.11 News Media Service at Meetings, 9900 School Board Legislative Program, 9910 State Legislative Program, 5120.9.4 Bicycle and Rollerblade Use, 5120.4.2.3 Substance Abuse Counseling

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to rescind the following policies: 9540.11 News Media Service at Meetings, 9900 School Board Legislative Program, 9910 State Legislative Program, 5120.9.4 Bicycle and Rollerblade Use, 5120.4.2.3 Substance Abuse Counseling

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: 9510 Time, Place and Notice of Meetings, 5090.8.1 Search and Seizure, 5090.3.1 Student Dress, 5144.4 Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to approve the following policies: 9510 Time, Place and Notice of Meetings, 5090.8.1 Search and Seizure, 5090.3.1 Student Dress, 5144.4 Physical Activity, Undirected Play and Student Discipline

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XV. Action Item: Motion to accept a donation from the Jeffrey PTO to Jeffrey Elementary School in the amount of \$2,500 for field trips.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to accept a donation from the Jeffrey PTO to Jeffrey Elementary School in the amount of \$2,500 for field trips.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XVI. Action Item: Motion to accept a donation from Steady Photography to Jeffrey Elementary School in the amount of \$1,610.53 for student photos.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to accept a donation from Steady Photography to Jeffrey Elementary School in the amount of \$1,610.53 for student photos.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XVII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 Board of Education Meeting

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XVIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Board of Education Budget Workshop (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Pynn to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Board of Education Budget Workshop as amended.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN: Lewis

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0 – 1

XIX. Future Agenda Items

XX. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

XXI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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