

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 2, 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 Chairman Seth Klaskin at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Heather Dobson, Director of Human Resources; Adam Levitus, Colliers International

### **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.*

- Neck River Elementary School Project Update
- 2024-2025 Budget Reduction
- Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

### **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 March 28, 2024
- Budget Expenditures as of March 28, 2024
- March 2024 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:

- 9550 Board Hearings / Appeal Proceedings
- 9850 Board Member Insurance / Liability

Policy for Rescission, Waive Second Reading:

- 8110 Purpose and Role of the Board
- 8111 Board Liaison to Schools

Policy for Review, First Reading:

- 9440 Board-Superintendent Relationship
- 9540.5 Parliamentarian
- 9540.12 Broadcasting/Taping of Meetings
- 3542.4 Meal Charging

LEARN Liaison

*Mary Ann Connelly*

X. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 8110 Purpose and Role of the Board and 8111 Board Liaison to Schools

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 8110 Purpose and Role of the Board and 8111 Board Liaison to Schools.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the disposal of electronic waste.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the disposal of electronic waste.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

*Motion to add an agenda item to approve a request that the district funds returned to the Town at the end of the previous fiscal year (2022-23), in the amount of \$226,000, be returned to the Board of Education to cover unanticipated special education costs.*

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to add an agenda item to approve a request that the district funds returned to the Town at the end of the previous fiscal year (2022-23), in the amount of \$226,000, be returned to the Board of Education to cover unanticipated special education costs.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve a request that the district funds returned to the Town at the end of the previous fiscal year (2022-23), in the amount of \$226,000, be returned to the Board of Education to cover unanticipated special education costs.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to make a friendly amendment to the motion to read as follows: to approve a request that the district funds returned to the Town at the end of the previous fiscal year (2022-23), in the amount of \$226,541, be returned to the Board of Education to cover unanticipated special education costs.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to approve a request that the district funds returned to the Town at the end of the previous fiscal year (2022-23), in the amount of \$226,541, be returned to the Board of Education to cover unanticipated special education costs.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Board of Education meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIV. Executive Session

XIV.A. Action Item: Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Non-Renewals for the 2024-2025 School Year and invite in Dr. Cooke and Heather Dobson.

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to enter executive session.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIV.B. 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, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XV. Action Item: Non-Renewal(s) for the 2024-2025 School Year

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce that the contract for employment for Megan Bucknall and Allison McMahon not be renewed for the following year, based upon a reduction in force, upon its expiration at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, and that the superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such persons in writing of this action.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XVI. Future Agenda Items

XVII. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

XVIII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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