

Board of Education Special Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2024 5:00 PM

Daniel Hand High School LMC/ ZOOM
286 Green Hill Road
Madison, Connecticut 06443

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order / Attendance

The special meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Seth Klaskin at 5:03 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Lewis arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Mrs. Maisano arrived at 5:08 p.m.

Present: Galen Cawley, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Christine Maisano, Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Anthony Salutari Jr., Daniel Hand High School Principal

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- End-of-Year report – Dr. Cooke shared that all end-of-year celebrations, including graduation, went very well. He congratulated students, staff and families on another great year.
- Summer Work – Work will continue this summer at Brown Intermediate, Polson Middle, and the new Neck River Elementary School.
- Sidewalk Project – Dr. Cooke shared the town is looking to build a sidewalk near the new elementary school for pedestrian safety in the area and the Board has been asked to indicate its support for the project. The project is expected to be covered by a grant.

IV. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Pynn and Mr. Klaskin commented on the end-of-year promotion and graduation celebrations. Dr. Infantine-Vyce thanked everyone who volunteered to put on Nite in Hand and she also thanked the facilities crew for their assistance with the event.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VI. Action Item: Motion to approve the following curriculum units: Math - Algebra 1, Grade 7 Pre-Algebra; Wellness - 6-8 PE, Lifetime PE, Leisure PE; World Language - Grade 7 Spanish, Grade 8 French

MOTION: by Pynn, second by Miller to approve the following curriculum units: Math - Algebra 1, Grade 7 Pre-Algebra; Wellness - 6-8 PE, Lifetime PE, Leisure PE; World Language - Grade 7 Spanish, Grade 8 French

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

VII. Action Item: Motion to approve the disposal of used books and equipment

MOTION: by Rosenthal, second by Infantine-Vyce to approve the disposal of used books and equipment.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Miller, second by Cawley to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

IX. Discuss and take possible action on a parent request to waive a Board requirement (discussion proposed for Executive Session).

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Lewis to enter into Executive Session at 5:23 p.m. to discuss a parent request to waive a Board requirement and invite in Superintendent of Schools Dr. Cooke, DHHS Principal Mr. Salutari, and the parent.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

MOTION: by Lewis, second by Infantine-Vyce to return to Regular Session at 6:38 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

Motion: The Board authorizes the Superintendent to grant the parent request to waive a board requirement.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Lewis to authorize the Superintendent to grant the parent request to waive a board requirement.

AYES: 0

NAYS: Cawley, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Pynn, Rosenthal

ABSTAIN: Infantine-Vyce

MOTION FAILED: 0 – 6 – 1

Mrs. Miller recused herself from voting.

X. Review and possible action on Central Office contracts (discussion proposed for Executive Session)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Rosenthal to enter into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss Central Office contracts and invite in Superintendent of Schools Dr. Cooke.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

MOTION: by Rosenthal, second by Infantine-Vyce to return to Regular Session at 7:56 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

Possible Motion: Approve the Superintendent's contract and authorize the Board Chair to finalize terms in accordance with discussions in Executive Session.

MOTION: by Cawley, second by Infantine-Vyce to approve the Superintendent's contract and authorize the Board Chair to finalize terms in accordance with discussions in Executive Session.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

Possible Motion: Approve the Assistant Superintendent's contract and authorize the Board Chair to finalize terms in accordance with discussions in Executive Session.

MOTION: by Miller, second by Infantine-Vyce to approve the Assistant Superintendent's contract and authorize the Board Chair to finalize terms in accordance with discussions in Executive Session.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Future Agenda Items

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Miller to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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