

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 15, 2022
7:30 PM
Hammonasset Room & Remote**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Attendance

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chair Seth Klaskin at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Seth Klaskin, Emily Rosenthal, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Steve Pynn, Maureen Lewis, Jen Gordon, Cathy Miller.

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent, Anthony Salutari, Jr., Principal, DHHS, Brian Bodner, Assistant Principal, DHHS, Melanie Whitcher, Assistant Principal, DHHS; Kathryn Hart, Principal, Polson Middle School; Martha Curran, Assistant Principal; Polson Middle School; Frank Henderson, Principal, Brown Intermediate School; Kelly Spooner, Principal, Ryerson Elementary School; Becky Frost, Principal, Jeffrey Elementary School.

2. School / Community Session

Mr. Matthew Guarnieri, President of the Italian American Defense League spoke regarding the indication on the 2022-2023 school year calendar as October 10 as a school holiday, as opposed to Columbus Day. Mr. Guarnieri asked the Board to consider changing the calendar to read Columbus Day and recognizing Indigenous Peoples' on Native American Day (the Friday after Thanksgiving).

3. Communications Report

Zoe Roos provided a report on the communications efforts throughout the district, including the building project, COVID 19 and Kindergarten enrollment.

4. Presentation – School Development Plans

Dr. Cooke, Gail Dahling-Hench, building principals and assistant principals gave a presentation regarding the district's School Development Plans. Dr. Cooke spoke to how the district plans to track the work being done and how to be held accountable, noting this is a three-year plan with a one-year monitoring process. Building administrators assisted with the district plan and were then asked to create school plans. Four areas of development were the focus for each of the buildings: Academic, Talent, Climate and Systems. Dr. Cooke and Mrs. Dahling-Hench reviewed each of the slides and each of the principals provided information regarding their schools.

The presentation can be viewed in its entirety on the recording posted on the district website.

5. Board Member Comments

Chair Klaskin recognized several winter teams that have advanced through to the playoffs and congratulated the Polson Robotics Team, headed to the Global Finals in May. Chair Klaskin noted that Dr. Infantine-Vyce has been appointed as Board Parliamentarian. This will be voted on at the next regular Board of Education meeting.

6. Audience Response to Information Presented - None

7. Adjournment

MOTION: By Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

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