

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

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: Mary Ann Connelly, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Christine Maisano, Catherine Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

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

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Lucy Fritzingler and Eli Ackerman

Eli reported on the spring musical, junior prom plans, a recent assembly focused on diversity and inclusion, and the upcoming talent show. Lucy reported that resources will be available at the high school on May 2 to help eligible students register to vote, spring sports, and the ongoing work to select a new student representative for the Board.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

Student Recognition: Rebecca Wahl – The Board recognized DHHS Senior Rebecca Wahl for her work and leadership in putting on a TEDx event at the high school this March.

School Climate: Social/Emotional Wellness Presentation – The administration gave a presentation on school climate and ongoing work surrounding social and emotional learning. The presentation can be viewed in its entirety via the meeting recording posted on the district website.

V. Board Members' Comments

Dr. Infantine-Vyce commented that she feels presentations as lengthy as the one given this evening should be given at a stand-alone meeting rather than incorporated into a regular board meeting. Dr. Infantine-Vyce also posed a question about staffing.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VII. Board of Selectmen Liaison

Scott Murphy

Mr. Murphy was not in attendance.

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

A. Curriculum and Student Development

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

No report.

B. Facilities Committee

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

Mrs. Rosenthal reported that a special facilities committee meeting was held this evening. Facilities Director Bill McMinn gave the committee an update on several projects including Green Hill Road Signage, the Brown School, and the High School Storage Building project.

C. Finance Committee

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

Mrs. Rosenthal shared that the committee met this evening and received a report from Director of Finance Stacy Nobitz on the 2022-2023 budget. Ms. Nobitz updated the committee on potential available funds, projected deficits, and potential funding requests as we approach the close of the current fiscal year. Ms. Nobitz told the committee that they should expect to see several large line-item transfer requests come before the full board for approval at the May 9 regular meeting.

D. Personnel Committee

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

No report.

E. Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce reviewed the following policies on the agenda this evening for a second read and approval:

- #4241 - Absence of School Staff
- #4300 - Recognition of Service Awards

VIII.F. LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Connelly shared minutes from the last LEARN meeting.

VIII.G. Town Marijuana Advisory Committee

Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Connelly shared the town recently held a public hearing on this issue.

IX. Action Item: Motion to adopt AP US History textbook *Give Me Liberty*

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to adopt AP US History textbook *Give Me Liberty*.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to adopt the following World Language textbooks: *Signing Naturally*, American Sign Language I; *Integrated Chinese I Simplified Characters* textbook and workbook, Mandarin I; *Suburani*, Latin I/ Latin II

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to adopt the following World Language textbooks: *Signing Naturally*, American Sign Language I; *Integrated Chinese I Simplified Characters* textbook and workbook, Mandarin I; *Suburani*, Latin I/ Latin II.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 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: Connelly, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: #4241 - Absence of School Staff and #4300 - Recognition of Service Awards

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to approve the following policies: #4241 - Absence of School Staff and #4300 - Recognition of Service Awards.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED: 8- 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9).

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: Maisano

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0 – 1

XIV. Future Agenda Items

XV. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn at 10:07 p.m.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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