

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 7:30 PM

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

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

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 7:43 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Christine Maisano, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent

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 said the District had successful graduation events for both Daniel Hand High School and Polson Middle School. Prior to the end of the year, the Administration was proud to announce the 2023-24 Teacher of the Year is Rene Chin and the Para of the Year is Kathleen Durkin, both from Ryerson Elementary School. Dr. Cooke thanked students, staff, and families for another great year.

Summer Construction- Dr. Cooke said construction is underway at Brown School. Work began the day after school let out and is currently on schedule. He will share updates on construction as work progresses.

IV. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin said he was pleased to attend the high school graduation and hand his daughter her diploma.

Mr. Pynn said he attended the high school graduation and Polson promotion ceremony. He was pleased to be a part of two wonderful events focused on celebrating the accomplishments of all of our students.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VI. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2 and #9540.8)

- Line Item Transfers as of June 20, 2023
- Budget Expenditures as of June 20, 2023

VII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Pynn, second by Rosenthal to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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

Curriculum and Student Development

Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

Facilities Committee

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

Mrs. Rosenthal said the committee met last week. Facilities Director Bill McMinn shared updates on numerous summer projects including the high school stage lighting, the emergency generator, Polson HVAC, Polson lockers, Polson tennis courts, Green Hill directional signage, Brown School and many others.

Finance Committee

Galen Cawley, Chair, Christine Maisano, Emily Rosenthal

Mr. Cawley said the committee had a short meeting on June 13. The committee reviewed pending line item transfers and end-of-year expenditure and account balances.

Personnel Committee

Maureen Lewis, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce reviewed the following policies on the agenda this evening:

Policies for Rescission, Waive Second Reading:

- 4216 - Instructional Paraprofessionals

- 5090.4.3 - Computers: Websites/Pages
- 5100.7 - Contests for Students
- 5110.3 - Probation/Police/Courts
- 5180 - Annual Notification of Board of Education Policies and Regulations

Policies for Review - First Reading:

- 9540.2 - Agenda
- 9540.3 - Quorum
- 9540.8 – Voting Method
- 9420 - Board Officers
- 9220.3 - Board Member Resignation
- 9220.5 - Unexpired Term Fulfillment/Vacancies
- 9600 - Formulation, Adoption, Amendment or Deletion of Bylaws and Policies

Policies for Review - Waive Second Reading:

- 4141 – Social Networking
- 4020 - Tutoring by Staff Members

Policies for Review - Second Reading:

- 9540.9 - Minutes
- 9540.10 - Meeting Conduct

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Connelly said she attended the latest LEARN meeting. The agenda included a recap of the year and voting to attend the executive director’s contract. Dr. Cooke also attended the meeting.

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve the Performing Arts Curriculum, K-12; Mathematics Curriculum, Grade 7 Mathematics and Grade 8 Pre-Algebra; Wellness Curriculum, select courses K-12

MOTION: by Pynn, second by Rosenthal to approve the Performing Arts Curriculum, K-12; Mathematics Curriculum, Grade 7 Mathematics and Grade 8 Pre-Algebra; Wellness Curriculum, select courses K-12

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve a \$11,300 donation to Ryerson Elementary School from the Ryerson PTO to fund 2023-2024 enrichment experiences and field trips.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Lewis to approve a \$11,300 donation to Ryerson Elementary School from the Ryerson PTO to fund 2023-2024 enrichment experiences and field trips

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the Finance Committee Chair to authorize the close out of the 2022-2023 school year directly with the Finance Director

MOTION: by Connelly, second by Rosenthal to approve the Finance Committee Chair to authorize the close out of the 2022-2023 school year directly with the Finance Director

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 4216 - Instructional Paraprofessionals, 5090.4.3 - Computers: Websites/Pages, 5100.7 - Contests for Students, 5110.3 - Probation/Police/Courts, 5180 - Annual Notification of Board of Education Policies and Regulations

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Lewis to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 4216 - Instructional Paraprofessionals, 5090.4.3 - Computers: Websites/Pages, 5100.7 - Contests for Students, 5110.3 - Probation/Police/Courts, 5180 - Annual Notification of Board of Education Policies and Regulations

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 4141 - Social Networking, 4020 - Tutoring by Staff Members

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Lewis to waive the second reading and approve the following policies: 4141 - Social Networking, 4020 - Tutoring by Staff Members

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: 9540.9 - Minutes, 9540.10 - Meeting Conduct

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Lewis to approve the following policies: 9540.9 - Minutes, 9540.10 - Meeting Conduct

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Pynn, second by Infantine-Vyce to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XVI. Discussion on paper towels at DHHS as requested by Diane Infantine-Vyce.

Dr. Infantine-Vyce said she is bringing this issue forward again because the situation is currently not equitable. She said the high school is the only building that doesn't have paper towels in the bathrooms and she would like to see them returned. She said the hand dryers do not always work and are not sanitary. Board members shared their positions on the issue. Mrs. Rosenthal suggested the issue be brought back to the facilities committee so that Facilities Director Bill McMinn can weigh in on the issue. The board agreed to send the discussion on paper towels back to facilities.

XVII. Future Agenda Items

XVIII. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

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

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Connelly to enter into Executive Session to discuss Central Office contracts.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Rosenthal to return to Regular Session.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XX. Action Item: Motion to add the following: Approve the Superintendent's contract and authorize the Board Chair to finalize terms in accordance with discussions in Executive Session.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XXI. Action Item: Motion to 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 Connelly to approve the Superintendent's contract and authorize the Board Chair to finalize terms in accordance with discussions in Executive Session.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XXII. Action Item: Motion to add the following: Approve the Assistant Superintendent's contract and authorize the Board Chair to finalize terms in accordance with discussions in Executive Session.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XXIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Assistant Superintendent's contract and authorize the Board Chair to finalize terms in accordance with discussions in Executive Session.

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

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XXIV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, second by Lewis to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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