

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 7:30 PM

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

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

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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, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Cathy 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; Kathryn Hart, Polson Middle School Principal; members of the public

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Eli Ackerman and Brooke Anderson

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- CAFE Student Leadership Awards - The CAFE Student Leadership Awards Program is designed to honor Connecticut high school and middle school students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. The four student recipients were honored at the Board meeting. More information can be found here: <https://www.madison.k12.ct.us/district/communication/recent-news/cafe-2024-student-leadership-awards>
- Teacher Appreciation Week - Dr. Cooke thanked the 300 teachers in the district for the incredible work they do day in and day out to educate our students. MEA President Mike Ginsburg thanked the Board and Administration for their support.
- School Nurse Appreciation Day - Dr. Cooke thanked the school nurses on staff for their hard work and dedication to our students. Nursing Supervisor Stephanie Lesnik thanked the Board and Administration for their support.
- School Attendance & Academic Integrity Updates - DHHS Principal T.J. Salutari shared changes coming to the code of conduct regarding attendance and academic integrity. The presentation can be seen in full on the meeting recording.

- Teacher Evaluation Plan Updates - Dr. Cooke shared that the Teacher Evaluation plan has been approved by PDEC and was presented to the Curriculum committee earlier in the evening. The full board will be asked to approve the plan at the May 21 BOE meeting.

V. Board Members' Comments

Dr. Infantine-Vyce asked for data related to the AP test prep program. Mr. Klaskin echoed Dr. Cooke's comments regarding teacher and nurse appreciation. Dr. Infantine-Vyce thanked the PTOs for all their work during teacher Appreciation Week.

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

No members of the public spoke.

VII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of April 30, 2024
- Budget Expenditures as of April 30, 2024
- April 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, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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

Curriculum and Student Development

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

Mr. Pynn gave a report on the committee meeting that took place earlier in the evening. He shared that the committee received a presentation on Wellness curriculum units ready for adoption as well as the teacher evaluation plan. Both items will come before the full board for approval at the next meeting.

Facilities Committee

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

Mrs. Rosenthal gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. Facilities Director Peter Anderson and Bill McMinn updated the committee on work scheduled to take place this summer, planned & cycled maintenance, and gave an update on the Polson project.

Finance Committee

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

No report.

Personnel Committee

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

Mrs. Lewis reported that the committee has met to begin negotiations with the Teamsters union.

Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce gave a report on the policies on the agenda for rescission or a first read.

Policy for Rescission, Waive Second Reading:

- 5170 Activities/Fees/Charges
- 5100.9.4 Physicals for School Athletics
- 5130 Awards, Honors and Scholarships
- 5180.4 Using Schools or Students for Publicity Purposes

Policy for Review, First Reading:

- 9300 Ethical Standards for Board Members
- 9310 Board Member Conflict of Interest
- 9490/8201 Student Representatives
- 4400 Gifts to Employees – NEW
- 5120.3.3.2 Pediculosis
- 5090.3.3.1 Electronic Surveillance

Regulation:

- Immunizations (attached to 5120.3 Health Assessments / Screenings and Oral Health Assessments)

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Connelly was not present. Mr. Klaskin passed out a flyer she received at the last LEARN meeting.

X. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 5170 Activities/Fees/Charges, 5100.9.4 Physicals for School Athletics, 5130 Awards, Honors and Scholarships, 5180.4 Using Schools or Students for Publicity Purposes

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 5170 Activities/Fees/Charges, 5100.9.4 Physicals for School Athletics, 5130 Awards, Honors and Scholarships, 5180.4 Using Schools or Students for Publicity Purposes.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XII. Future Agenda Items

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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