

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 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 Secretary Emily Rosenthal at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Rosenthal led the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Diane Infantine-Vyce (on Zoom), Seth Klaskin (on Zoom), Maureen Lewis, Christine Maisano (on Zoom), Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Adam Levitus, Colliers International; Justin Hopkins, Tecton Architects

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Eli Ackerman and Brooke Anderson

Brooke reported that the No Hate Tour, an antibullying assembly, came to the high school last week, the PSATs recently took place at the high school, the Homecoming dance is around the corner and Trimester 1 progress reports have gone out. Eli reported that parent teacher conferences take place this week, Financial Aid night is next week, and the fall sports season is winding down.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- New Elementary School Project Update – Justin Hopkins from Tecton Architects and Adam Levitus from Colliers International gave an update on the new elementary school building project. The presentation can be viewed in full on the Meetings/Minutes section of the District website. The board will be asked to vote on the project Phase II construction package at its next regular meeting.
- 2024-2025 Budget Assumptions and Calendar – The budget assumptions and calendar were reviewed during the Finance Committee report later in the meeting.

V. Board Members' Comments

No comments.

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

No members of the public spoke.

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

Curriculum and Student Development

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

No report.

Facilities Committee

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

Mrs. Rosenthal gave a report on the special facilities committee meeting that took place on Oct. 16. The committee discussed a request to reduce the Board's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) total in year one. The committee approved a reduction of approximately \$400K. The revised CIP is on the agenda for approval later in the meeting.

Finance Committee

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

Mr. Cawley gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. The committee discussed the 2024-2025 budget calendar which outlines key dates for the budget process, the budget assumptions which is used as a guiding document for funding priorities, and what to do with end-of-year funds.

Personnel Committee

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

No report.

Policy Committee

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

Dr. Infantine-Vyce gave a report on the following policies on the agenda for rescission or approval this evening:

Policies for Rescission, Second Reading:

- 9220.6 - Board Candidates
- 9500 - School Board Meetings
- 9540.4 - Rules of Order
- 9400 - Organization of the School Board
- 9410 - Board Organizational Meeting

Policies for Review, Second Reading:

- 1370 - Non-Discrimination
- 4118.1 - Non-Discrimination
- 5020.1 - Non-Discrimination
- 4030.5 - FMLA
- 4160 - Student Activity/Transportation Vehicles
- 4111.1 - Security Check/Fingerprinting
- 4112.8/4212.8 - Nepotism

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Connelly reported that at the latest LEARN meeting featured an informative presentation by Lisa Deane of DemandZERO.

VIII. Discuss possible renaming of Brown School.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of possibly renaming Brown school. Some members favored changing the name of the building when it becomes an elementary school while others felt it unnecessary and wrong to take the honor away from Dr. Brown since the building itself is not closing. Mr. Cawley suggested the Board wait to make any decisions until the Ad-Hoc New Elementary School Naming Committee - the committee tasked with recommending names for the new PreK-5 school - completes its work in late January 2024. The Board agreed with Mr. Cawley's suggestion.

IX. Action Item: Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Connelly to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Calendar.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to rescind the following policies: 9220.6 - Board Candidates, 9500 - School Board Meetings, 9540.4 - Rules of Order, 9400 - Organization of the School Board, 9410 - Board Organizational Meeting

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Lewis to rescind the following policies: 9220.6 - Board Candidates, 9500 - School Board Meetings, 9540.4 - Rules of Order, 9400 - Organization of the School Board, 9410 - Board Organizational Meeting

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: 1370 - Non-Discrimination, 4118.1 - Non-Discrimination, 5020.1 - Non-Discrimination, 4030.5 - FMLA, 4160 - Student Activity/Transportation Vehicles, 4111.1 - Security Check/Fingerprinting, 4112.8/4212.8 - Nepotism

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Klaskin to amend the motion as follows: 1370 - Non-Discrimination, 4118.1 - Non-Discrimination, 5020.1 -

Non-Discrimination, 4030.5 - FMLA, 4160 - Student Activity/Transportation Vehicles, 4111.1 - Security Check/Fingerprinting, ~~4112.8/4212.8~~ 4114- Nepotism

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the following policies: 1370 - Non-Discrimination, 4118.1 - Non-Discrimination, 5020.1 - Non-Discrimination, 4030.5 - FMLA, 4160 - Student Activity/Transportation Vehicles, 4111.1 - Security Check/Fingerprinting, 4114 - Nepotism

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the revised Capital Improvement Program

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Cawley to approve the revised Capital Improvement Program.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation from the DHHS Boys Basketball Boosters in the amount of \$7000 to the DHHS Basketball Program for a basketball shooting machine.

MOTION: by Miller, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve a donation from the DHHS Boys Basketball Boosters in the amount of \$7000 to the DHHS Basketball Program for a basketball shooting machine.

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

NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2023 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Pynn to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2023 Board of Education Meeting as ammended (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

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

NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

XV. Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Connelly asked if the BOS liaison could resume giving reports to the Board. She suggested the reports could be quarterly and even submitted as a memo.

XVI. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

XVII. Adjournment

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

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

NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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