

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 7:33 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Arthur Sickle, Director of Administrative Services; Adam Levitus, Colliers International

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Lucy Fritzinger and Eli Ackerman

Eli reported that NGSS testing for Grade 11 students went well, final exams are coming up, and shared his thoughts on his junior year. Lucy shared a statement with the Board, reflecting on her time as a Board of Education student representative. She thanked Eli, Mr. Salutari, and the Board for making it a positive and memorable experience.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

Student Representative Recognition/ Introduction of new Student Representative – Dr. Cooke thanked Lucy and Eli for their work this year. Mrs. Rosenthal then introduced the new student rep, Brooke Anderson, who will join Eli in the role next year. Mrs. Rosenthal, who sat on the interview committee, said Brooke was the clear top choice and will make an excellent addition to the Board.

Building Project Educational Specifications update – Mr. Levitus from Colliers International shared with the Board some possible changes to the Ed Spec on the new building project. He said during the value engineering component of design development, three items have now been designated as alternates in the project.

2023-2024 Budget Reduction – The budget passed in May and Dr. Cooke shared the line items identified for the \$75,000 cut handed down by the Board of Finance. He said the cut will result in

reductions in three areas: CIRMA liability insurance, Electricity, and unexpected retirements. The board would vote on the reduction later in the meeting.

Chartwells Food Service Contract – Mr. Sickle said he is looking for a one-year amendment approval on the current contract between Chartwells and the Board of Education. Mr. Sickle explained it is standard practice to bring an amendment to the board each spring. Mrs. Maisano asked a number of questions about the contract, the bidding process, and the history of the program.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin remarked that board members attended the Retiree Recognition earlier in the evening. He thanked all retiring staff members for their years of service.

Mrs. Rosenthal left the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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

No members of the public spoke.

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

- Line Item Transfers as of June 1, 2023
- Budget Expenditures as of June 1, 2023

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approved the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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

Curriculum and Student Development

Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Mary Ann Connelly

Mr. Pynn reported that the committee met earlier this evening and heard three curriculum adoption presentations: Math, Performing Arts, and Wellness.

Facilities Committee

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

No report.

Finance Committee

Galen Cawley, Chair; Christine Maisano, Emily Rosenthal

Mr. Cawley shared that the Finance committee met last month and reviewed line item transfers and current account balances as we prepare to close out fiscal year 2022-2023.

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:

- 5090.4.2 - Freedom of Speech/Written and Oral Expression
- 5100 - Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
- 5100.1 - Student Organizations
- 5190 - Crisis Response

Policies for Review, First Reading:

- 9540.9 - Minutes
- 9540.10 - Meeting Conduct

Policies for Review, Second Reading:

- 9220.4 - Board Member Removal from Office
- 4150 - Acceptable Use of Computer Equipment and Related Systems, Software and Networks
- 5210 - Acceptable Use of Computer Equipment and Related Systems, Software and Networks
- 5090.9 - Use of Private Technological Devices by Students

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

Mrs. Connelly reported that the recent LEARN meeting focused on budget, legislative updates, and agency updates.

X. Action Item: Motion to reduce the approved 2023-2024 Budget by \$75,000.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to reduce the approved 2023-2024 Budget by \$75,000.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve Amendment Number Seven, effective July 1, 2023, to the Agreement between the Madison Board of Education and Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Chartwells Division dated July 1, 2016.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to approve Amendment Number Seven, effective July 1, 2023, to the Agreement between the Madison Board of Education and Compass Group USA, Inc. by and through its Chartwells Division dated July 1, 2016.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and rescind the following policies: 5090.4.2 - Freedom of Speech/Written and Oral Expression, 5100 - Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities, 5100.1 - Student Organizations, 5190 - Crisis Response

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to waive the second reading and rescind policies 5090.4.2 - Freedom of Speech/Written and Oral Expression, 5100 - Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities, 5100.1 - Student Organizations, and 5190 - Crisis Response.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: 9220.4 - Board Member Removal from Office, 4150 - Acceptable Use of Computer Equipment and Related Systems, Software and Networks, 5210 - Acceptable Use of Computer Equipment and Related Systems, Software and Networks, 5090.9 - Use of Private Technological Devices by Students

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to approve policies 9220.4 - Board Member Removal from Office, 4150 - Acceptable Use of Computer Equipment and Related Systems, Software and Networks, 5210 - Acceptable Use of Computer Equipment and Related Systems, Software and Networks, and 5090.9 - Use of Private Technological Devices by Students

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the disposal of used books and equipment.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to approved the disposal of used books and equipment.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Maisano to approved the minutes of the May 9, 2023 Board of Education meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9).

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XVI. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to approved the minutes of the May 23, 2023 Board of Education meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9).

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

Mrs. Lewis left the meeting at 9 p.m.

XVII. Evaluation of the Superintendent (discussion proposed for Executive Session)

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to enter into Executive Session for the evaluation of the Superintendent.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Miller to return to Regular Session.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

XVIII. Future Agenda Items

Dr. Infantine-Vyce asked that a discussion on paper towels be added to a future agenda.

XIX. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

XX. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Connelly to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 0

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