

Board of Education Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7 p.m. or immediately
following the Retiree Reception

Daniel Hand High School LMC/ ZOOM
286 Green Hill Road
Madison, Connecticut 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 special meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Seth Klaskin at 7:06 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

II. School / Community Session

No members of the public spoke.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Eli Ackerman and Brooke Anderson

Eli reported on the senior pre-prom assembly, Senior Prom, and the senior class trip. He shared that all spring sports have done very well this year and that he and members of the Class of 2024 have lost of exciting activities coming up in the next two weeks including Senior Awards night, Nite in Hand, and graduation. Brooke was unable to attend the meeting.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Board of Education Student Representatives Recognition / Introduction of new Student Representative – Dr. Cooke and members of the Board thanked Eli for serving as a student representative the last two years and wished him well with his future endeavors. The new student rep will be current sophomore Grace Ackerman.
- AP Prep Program –Dr. Cooke shared data on the AP test prep program. The discussion can be heard in full on the meeting recording on the District website.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin shared his thoughts on some of the end-of-year events. Dr. Infantine-Vyce requested some data on school counseling.

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 May 30, 2024
- Budget Expenditures as of May 30, 2024
- May 2024 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Pynn, 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

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

Mr. Pynn gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the meeting. He said the committee received presentations on the Dual Credit Expansion Grant, three textbooks proposed for adoption, and various curriculum units for adoption.

Facilities Committee

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

No report.

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 said negotiations with the Teamsters Union are ongoing.

Policy Committee

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

No report.

LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

X. Action Item: Motion to approve a donation to Polson Middle School from the Polson PTO in the amount of \$2000 to help fund the Grade 8 trip to Holiday Hill.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approved a donation to Polson Middle School from the Polson PTO in the amount of \$2000 to help fund the Grade 8 trip to Holiday Hill.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to authorize the Finance Committee Chair to close out the 2023-2024 fiscal year directly with the Finance Director.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to authorize the Finance Committee Chair to close out the 2023-2024 fiscal year directly with the Finance Director.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024 Board of Education meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

MOTION by Connelly, Seconded by Infantine-Vyce to open the agenda and add an action item to adopt three textbooks approved by the Curriculum Committee.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to adopt the following textbooks: Math for Business and Economics, The Process of Communication, Signing Naturally

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Connelly to adopt the following textbooks: Math for Business and Economics, The Process of Communication, Signing Naturally.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Pynn to enter into Executive Session for the evaluation of the Superintendent at 8:08 p.m. and invite in Superintendent of Schools Dr. Craig Cooke.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Lewis to return to Regular Session at 8:20 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XV. Future Agenda Items

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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