

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 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 7:30 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

### II. School / Community Session

Jill Benton informed the Board that cafeteria workers will have a job fair with Chartwells on May 7.

### III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

*Eli Ackerman and Brooke Anderson*

Eli shared that the spring musical was a big success, the whole school recently attended an important assembly on drunk driving and that further lessons on the dangers of driving under the influence are continuing in advisory groups, the talent show is on April 26, spring sports are in full swing and senior events are being finalized. Brooke shared that the midpoint of trimester three is just around the corner, AP exams start soon, junior and senior prom are coming up, the K-12 art show is this week and excel Club is doing a Mother's Day flower sale.

### IV. Superintendent's Report

*Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.*

- Neck River Elementary School – Dr. Cooke said the groundbreaking, which took place last week, was a great event and he is excited to share more construction updates with the board and community as the project progresses.
- Chartwells Food Service Agreement – Mr. Sickle reviewed the proposed Chartwells Food Service agreement with the board. The discussion can be heard in full on the meeting recording posted on the district website.
- Update on Future Use of Existing PreK-3 Buildings – Dr. Cooke said that once all new and renovated buildings open in Fall 2025, TCLC will be removed, Ryerson will be turned back to the Town and it is likely the building will be demolished, and Jeffrey will be taken offline as a school but may be reserved for future use by the Board and/or town.

- Administrative Professionals Day - April 24 is Administrative Professionals Day. Dr. Cooke thanked the Madison Administrative Professionals for all they do to keep the schools and District up and running.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Klaskin shared that the groundbreaking was a great event.

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

Jill Benton offered an additional comment on the Chartwells contract

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*

No report.

Finance Committee

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

Mr. Cawley gave a report on the meeting that happened earlier in the evening. The committee discussed 23-24 budget shortages, the proposed \$240,000 cut to the 24-25 budget, and future budget considerations.

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 and adoption:

Policy for Rescission, Second Reading:

- 9550 Board Hearings / Appeal Proceedings
- 9850 Board Member Insurance / Liability

Policy for Review, Second Reading:

- 9440 Board-Superintendent Relationship
- 9540.5 Parliamentarian
- 9540.12 Broadcasting/Taping of Meetings
- 3542.4 Meal Charging

LEARN Liaison

*Mary Ann Connelly*

Mrs. Connelly reported that the group met last week and heard a presentation from the Superintendent in Salem. There was also a presentation on a virtual reality program for CTE careers.

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the proposed Agreement dated July 1, 2024, between the Madison Board of Education and Compass Group USA, Inc., by and through its Chartwells Division, as presented.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to approve the proposed Agreement dated July 1, 2024, between the Madison Board of Education and Compass Group USA, Inc., by and through its Chartwells Division, as presented.

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

NAYS: Maisano

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – 1 – 0

IX. Action Item: Motion to adopt the AP Psychology textbook.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to adopt the AP Psychology textbook.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the International Trip to London and Paris Spring 2025.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the International Trip to London and Paris Spring 2025.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Motion to approve the following curriculum units: Grade 6 Social Studies, U.S. History, Civics & American Government

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Rosenthal to approve the following curriculum units: Grade 6 Social Studies, U.S. History, Civics & American Government.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:  
MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to rescind the following policies: 9550 Board Hearings / Appeal Proceedings, 9850 Board Member Insurance / Liability

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Pynn to rescind the following policies: 9550 Board Hearings / Appeal Proceedings, 9850 Board Member Insurance / Liability.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the following policies: 9440 Board-Superintendent Relationship, 9540.5 Parliamentarian, 9540.12 Broadcasting/Taping of Meetings, 3542.4 Meal Charging

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to approve the following policies: 9440 Board-Superintendent Relationship, 9540.5 Parliamentarian, 9540.12 Broadcasting/Taping of Meetings, 3542.4 Meal Charging

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIV. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XV. Future Agenda Items

XVI. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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