

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 7:30 PM

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

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order / Attendance

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chair Seth Klaskin at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Jen Gordon, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal.

Also present: Craig Cooke, Ph.D., Superintendent; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent; Stacy Nobitz, Finance Director; Heather Dobson, Human Resource Director; Dr. Elizabeth Battaglia, Special Education Director; Bill McMinn, Facilities Director; Anthony R. Salutari, Jr., DHHS Principal; Brian Bodner, DHHS Assistant Principal; Melanie Whitcher, DHHS Assistant Principal; Chris Farrell, Athletic Director; Kathryn Hart, Polson Principal; Frank Henderson, Brown Principal; Kelly Spooner, Ryerson Principal; Rebecca Frost, Jeffrey Principal; Adam Levitus and Graham Curtis from Colliers International.

2. Moment of Silence for Noreen Kokoruda

3. School / Community Session – no public participation

4. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Lucy Fritzinger and Eli Ackerman

Lucy not in attendance this evening. Eli provided the following. Sr. class pictures coming up. Vibe performance took place this past weekend. Classes being chosen for next year. Students will participate in a survey regarding the Academy building. Freshman orientation for the class of 2027 scheduled for next Tuesday. Orchestra concert scheduled for January 25.

5. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

5.1. Educational Specifications

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D., Bill McMinn, Graham Curtis

Adam Levitus reviewed the modifications to the Educational Specifications. The presentation can be viewed in its entirety on the meeting recording posted on the district website.

5.2. Action Item: Motion to approve the Educational Specifications' modifications requested by the School Building Committee, dated January 10, 2023.

MOTION: by Gordon, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the Educational Specifications' modifications requested by the School Building Committee, dated January 10, 2023.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

5.3. 2023-2024 Requested Budget

Dr. Cooke and the administrative team gave a presentation on the 2023-2024 requested budget, which can be viewed in its entirety on the meeting recording posted on the district website.

5.4. Athletic Department Presentation

Chris Farrell, Madison Athletic Director gave a presentation which can be viewed in its entirety on the meeting recording posted on the district website.

6. Board Members' Comments - none

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

8. Board of Selectmen Liaison

Scott Murphy

Mr. Murphy was not in attendance this evening.

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

9.1. Line Item Transfers - none

9.2. Budget Expenditures as of January 10, 2023

10. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Gordon, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

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

11.1. Curriculum and Student Development

Members: Steve Pynn, Chair; Catherine Miller, Jen Gordon

Mr. Pynn reported the committee met this evening. Mrs. Dahling-Hench provided an update on the AP US History Textbook that has been recommended for March implementation. Christine Coyle, DHHS School Counselor, gave a presentation which focused on the improvements to the College and Career Center, as well as function of the center. Catherine Kennedy and Ron Spears, both DHHS Social Studies Teachers, gave an Advisory update which focused on the purpose of the advisory program.

11.2. Facilities Committee

Members: Emily Rosenthal, Chair, Steven Pynn, Galen Cawley

Mrs. Rosenthal reported the committee met this evening. Bill McMinn provided updates regarding the new school, Brown K-1 East Wing, Polson lockers, tennis courts and mechanical improvements, as well as the Polson bathroom renovation, high school stage lighting and the status of repairs to the RTU #7 at DHHS.

11.3. Finance Committee

Members: Galen Cawley, Chair, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Emily Rosenthal

Mr. Cawley reported the next meeting of is January 24.

11.4. Personnel Committee

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

Mrs. Lewis was not in attendance this evening.

11.5. Policy Committee

Members: Diane Infantine-Vyce, Chair; Maureen Lewis, Jen Gordon

Dr. Infantine-Vyce reviewed the policies proposed for approval of rescission tonight, with a waiver of the second reading, policies for a first reading (scheduled for a second reading, and the one policy for a first read, waiver of second reading, and approval tonight.

For rescission:

- #5080.3 Request for Late Arrival, Early Dismissal, or Release of Student for Part of the School Day
- #5090.3 General Rules of Student Conduct
- #5090.3.4 Out of School Misconduct
- #5090.5 Secret Societies/Gang Activity
- #5090.10 Prohibited Use of Laser Pointers
- #5090.11 Concerns/Issues Procedures
- #5090.13 Married and/or Pregnant
- #5100.3 Public Performances
- #5100.6 Student Activity Funds/Donations
- #5120 Student Welfare/Safety
- #5120.3.1 Communicable and Infectious Diseases
- #5120.3.2 HIV Infection

For a first reading:

- #2240 Retention of Electronic Records and Information
- #4119 Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children or Reports of Sexual Assault of Students by School Employees
- #5120.3 Health Assessment/Screenings and Oral Health Assessment

For a First Reading and Approval

- #5113 Student Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism

11.6. LEARN Liaison

Mary Ann Connelly

Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023.

11.7. Town Marijuana Advisory Committee

Mary Ann Connelly

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2023.

12. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading of the policies for rescission and approve rescissions of the following policies: #5080.3 Request for Late Arrival, Early Dismissal, or Release of Student for Part of the School Day; #5090.3 General Rules of Student Conduct; #5090.3.4 Out of School Misconduct; #5090.5 Secret Societies/Gang Activity; #5090.10 Prohibited Use of Laser Pointers; #5090.11 Concerns/Issues Procedures; #5090.13 Married and/or Pregnant; #5100.3 Public Performances; #5100.6 Student Activity Funds/Donations; #5120 Student Welfare/Safety; #5120.3.1 Communicable and Infectious Diseases; #5120.3.2 HIV Infection.

MOTION: by Connelly, seconded by Gordon to waive the second reading of the policies for rescission and approve rescissions of the following policies: #5080.3 Request for Late Arrival, Early Dismissal, or Release of Student for Part of the School Day; #5090.3 General Rules of Student Conduct; #5090.3.4 Out of School Misconduct; #5090.5 Secret Societies/Gang Activity; #5090.10 Prohibited Use of Laser Pointers; #5090.11 Concerns/Issues Procedures; #5090.13 Married and/or Pregnant; #5100.3 Public Performances; #5100.6 Student Activity Funds/Donations; #5120 Student Welfare/Safety; #5120.3.1 Communicable and Infectious Diseases; #5120.3.2 HIV Infection.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

13. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and approve Policy #5113 Student Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism.

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Rosenthal to waive the second reading and approve Policy #5113 Student Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism.
AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Gordon, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

14. Action Item: Motion to approve the donation of \$1,747.34 from Steady Photography to Jeffrey Elementary School to be used for Jeffrey Field Trips.

MOTION: by Gordon, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the donation of \$1,747.34 from Steady Photography to Jeffrey Elementary School to be used for Jeffrey Field Trips.
AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Gordon, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

15. Action Item: Motion to approve the donation of \$1,539.92 from Steady Photography to Ryerson Elementary School for building/activity use.

MOTION: by Gordon, seconded by Infantine-Vyce to approve the donation of \$1,539.92 from Steady Photography to Ryerson Elementary School for building/activity use.
AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Gordon, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

16. Action Item: Motion to approve disposal of used books.

MOTION: by Gordon, seconded by Connelly to approve the disposal of used books.
AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Gordon, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

17. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 Board of Education Meeting as amended (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9).

MOTION: by Gordon, seconded by Cawley to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 as amended.
AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Gordon, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

18. Future Agenda Items

19. Meetings / Dates of Importance (see attached)

20. Adjournment

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.
AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Gordon, Infantine-Vyce, Klaskin, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

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