

Board of Education Budget Workshop
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 6:30 PM

Town Campus Hammonasset Room
10 Campus Drive
Madison, CT 06443

Subject to Approval

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The budget workshop meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chair Seth Klaskin at 6:32 p.m. Mr. Klaskin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Galen Cawley, Mary Ann Connelly, Jen Gordon, Diane Infantine-Vyce, Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Cathy Miller, 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; Martha Curran, Polson Assistant Principal; Frank Henderson, Brown Principal; Kelly Spooner, Ryerson Principal; and Rebecca Frost, Jeffrey Principal.

II. Action Item: Motion to accept the resignation of Board Member Jennifer Gordon.

THIS MOTION HAS BEEN TABLED

MOTION: by _____, seconded by _____ to accept the resignation of Board Member Jennifer Gordon.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED:

III. Discuss and take possible action on the Policy Committee's proposed amendment to Bylaw #9220.2 Oath of Office.

III.A. Action Item: Motion to waive the second reading and approve Bylaw #9220.2 Oath of Office as amended.

THIS MOTION HAS BEEN TABLED

MOTION: by _____, seconded by _____ to waive the second reading and approve Bylaw #9220.2 Oath of Office as amended.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
MOTION CARRIED:

IV. Choice Program Discussion

Open Choice is an interdistrict public school program intended to improve academic achievement; reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation; and provide a choice of education programs for public school students. Dr. Cooke said he is looking for the Board's approval to pursue at the legislative level having the District participate in the Choice Program. Board members discussed the various nuances of the program as well as concerns surrounding costs, transportation, and student enrollment.

IV.A. Action Item: Motion to approve the Superintendent pursuing at the Connecticut Legislative Level approval to allow Madison Public Schools participation in the Choice Program, allowing Madison to accept students.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Miller to approve the Superintendent pursuing at the Connecticut Legislative Level approval to allow Madison Public Schools participation in the Choice Program, allowing Madison to accept students.

AYES: Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS: Connelly, Gordon, Infantine-Vyce

ABSTAIN: Cawley

MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 3 – 1

V. 2023-2024 Budget Discussion and Possible Action

Board members reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 budget. Finance Director Stacy Nobitz answered questions on various budget objects.

V.A. Action Item: Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Budget

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to amend and increase the budget by \$13,000 to add paper towel supplies for the high school bathrooms.

AYES: Cawley, Infantine-Vyce

NAYS: Connelly, Gordon, Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

ABSTAIN: 0

MOTION FAILED: 2 – 7

MOTION: by Cawley, seconded by Gordon to approve the 2023-2024 Budget in the amount of \$61,850,694.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Gordon, Infantine-Vyce,
Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

VI. Adjourn

MOTION: by Infantine-Vyce, seconded by Cawley to
adjourn at 8:36 p.m.
AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Gordon, Infantine-Vyce,
Klaskin, Lewis, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 0

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