

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:30 PM

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

Subject to Approval

Meeting Minutes

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, Diane Infantine-Vyce (on Zoom), Seth Klaskin, Maureen Lewis, Christine Maisano (on Zoom), Cathy Miller, Steven Pynn, Emily Rosenthal

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

II. School / Community Session

No public comment.

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Brooke Anderson and Grace Ackerman

Brooke shared the year is off to a good start. The first week there were grade-level assemblies to discuss important topics such as the cell phone policy and the new attendance rules. Back to School night is Sept. 5 and the school is looking forward to the first school spirit day and football game later this month. Grace shared that many fall sports had their first matches of the season on Sept. 3, freshman orientation was well attended, and the junior class feels well supported as they begin this challenging year.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Craig A. Cooke, Ph.D.

- Start of School Report - Dr. Cooke shared that we had a very smooth start to the year. There are a few open positions but areas where we had previously struggled to hire - such as food service - are now completely staffed, a few changes were made to some bus runs but there were very few issues, and student enrollment is right where it was expected to be at the start of the year.
- 2025-2026 CIP – Dr. Cooke said the proposed CIP is a modest ask and reflects a lot of work to smooth out our capital projects.
- Accountability Results – The District has received its accountability scores which will be presented to the Board on Sept. 17.

V. Board Members' Comments

Mrs. Rosenthal reminded Board members to fill out their Board Self-Eval forms. Mr. Klaskin congratulated the administration on a successful opening of school.

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

No public comment.

VII. Consent Agenda (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2)

- Line Item Transfers as of August 29, 2024
- Budget Expenditures as of August 29, 2024
- Summer 2024 Personnel Report

VIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Pynn to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 9 – 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. The Committee heard reports from Curriculum Generalist Michelle Horn and Mrs. Dahling-Hench on summer work and the current status of the K-3 reading program.

Dr. Infantine-Vyce left the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Facilities Committee

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

Mrs. Rosenthal gave a report on the meeting that took place earlier in the evening. She said the committee reviewed the 2025-2026 CIP, heard a report from Facilities Director Peter Anderson on summer work, and discussed next steps for the Jeffrey and Ryerson buildings after this school year.

Finance Committee

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

No report.

Personnel Committee

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

No report.

Policy Committee

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

Mr. Cawley gave a report on the policy on the agenda for action.

Policy for Review, Second Reading:

- 5110.4 Student Discipline

LEARN Liaison
Mary Ann Connelly

No report.

X. Action Item: Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Miller to approve the 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XI. Action Item: Discuss and take possible action on the proposed CABE resolution.

MOTION: by Pynn, seconded by Lewis to approve the proposed CABE resolution.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XII. Action Item: Motion to approve policy 5110.4 Student Discipline.

MOTION: by Connelly, seconded by Lewis to approve policy 5110.4 Student Discipline.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano, Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIII. Action Item: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024 Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.9)

MOTION: by Rosenthal, seconded by Pynn to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Cawley, Connelly, Klaskin, Lewis, Maisano,
Miller, Pynn, Rosenthal

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

XIV. Future Agenda Items

XV. Adjournment

MOTION: by Lewis, seconded by Rosenthal to adjourn at
8:25 p.m.

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

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION CARRIED: 8 – 0

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