

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 4, 2011 7:30 PM Eastern

Town Campus Hammonasset Room  
10 Campus Drive  
Madison, CT 06443

- I. Call to Order / Attendance
- II. Executive Session - 7:00 p.m.
  - II.A. Personnel Items
  - II.B. Legal Items
- III. School / Community Session - 7:30 p.m.
  - III.A. Public Participation
- IV. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report
- V. Superintendent's Report
  - V.A. Update: Student Enrollment
  - V.B. Update: January 3, 2011 Professional Development Activities
  - V.C. Presentation of the Administration's Recommended 2011-2012 Budget
- VI. Board Members' Comments
- VII. Board Committees / Liaison Updates
  - VII.A. Planning Committee
  - VII.B. Personnel Committee
  - VII.C. Policy Committee
    - VII.C.1. First Reading: Policy #TBD, Head Injuries
  - VII.D. Finance Committee
  - VII.E. LEARN Liaison
- VIII. Audience Reponse to Information Presented
- IX. Consent Agenda (9.1 - 9. 4) Ref. Bylaw #9540.2 and #9540.8)
  - IX.A. Bills Payable: \$2,454.51 (09-10); \$841,588.63 (10-11)
  - IX.B. Line Transfers: \$15,745.19
  - IX.C. Budget Expenditure Report
  - IX.D. Textbook Adoption: Environmental Science: Principals of Ecology; Daniel Hand High School, Grades 11 and 12; Pearson Publisher, 2011
- X. Action Item: Minutes of the December 21, 2010 Board of Education Meeting
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Future Agenda Items
  - XIII.A. Update: RtI / SRBI: January 18, 2011
  - XIII.B. NAVIANCE Presentation for Grades 5 & 6: February 15, 2011
  - XIII.C. Update: Elementary "Literacy How" Initiative (Tentative Date - February 2011)
- XIV. Meetings of Importance
  - XIV.A. January 12, 2011: Planning Committee Meeting; 7:30 a.m., Central Office Room B
  - XIV.B. January 18, 2011: Policy Committee Meeting; 6:00 p.m., Central Office Room B
  - XIV.C. January 18, 2011: Board of Education Meeting; 7:30 p.m. Town Campus Hammonasset Room

## XV. Adjournment

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Board of Education Meeting  
December 21, 2010  
Meeting Minutes

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice Chairman Dean at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Bill Clorite; John Dean; Jean Fitzgerald; Seth Klaskin; Pamela Meier; Robert Ruggiero; Cindy Wood

Also present: David Klein, Superintendent; Anita Rutlin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

2. Executive Session

MOTION: by Dean, seconded by Ruggiero to enter Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues.

AYES: Clorite, Dean, Fitzgerald, Klaskin, Meier, Ruggiero, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Personnel matters involving confidential issues were discussed.

Legal matters were discussed.

MOTION: by Dean, seconded by Clorite to adjourn Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

AYES: Coffey, Dean, Fitzgerald, Klaskin, Meier, Ruggiero, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

The Public Session of the Board of Education meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dean at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bill Clorite; John Dean; Jean Fitzgerald; Seth Klaskin; Pamela Meier; Robert Ruggiero; Cindy Wood

Also present: David Klein, Superintendent of Schools, Anita Rutlin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; District Administrators; staff; community members.

3. School / Community Session

3.1. Public Participation

None at this time.

4. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report  
(Andrew Chapman and Jessica Buller)

The student representatives were not present at the meeting.

5. Superintendent's Report

5.1. Report on Out of State Travel

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Mr. Klein reported on an upcoming out of state field trip for Daniel Hand High School students for the Board's information.

6. Board Member Comments

No other comments at this time.

7. Reports from Board Committees / Liaisons

7.1. Planning Committee

Ms. Frey was not present; no report.

7.2 Personnel Committee

No report.

7.3. Policy Committee

7.3.1. Final Reading: Policy #6152, Grouping for Instruction

Atty. Klaskin reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening and pointed out the policy on tonight's agenda for final reading and approval.

He then reported that the Committee next reviewed a recently compiled draft policy on Head Injuries. Atty. Klaskin reported that this draft policy will be on the January 4, 2011 Board agenda for first reading.

The Committee next reviewed the latest policy update listing from CABA (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education) and determined that Madison is ahead of the curve with respect to many of the policy issues addressed by CABA.

Lastly, Atty. Klaskin reported that discussion continues regarding the creation of a policy relating to student use of social networking sites and staff use of social networking sites. The MEA is in favor of adopting such policies and the other unions will be consulted.

7.4. Finance Committee

Mr. Clorite stated that the Committee met briefly last week to discuss the 2011-2012 budget. Mr. Klein will formally present the recommended budget at the January 4, 2011 Board of Education meeting.

7.5. LEARN Liaison

No report.

8. Audience Response to Information Presented

None at this time.

9. Consent Agenda

9.1. Bills Payable: \$6,440.34 (09-10); \$882,120.91 (10-11)

9.2. Line Transfers: \$ 37,353.30

9.3. Request for Removal of Used Books/Equipment (*Reference Policy #3260*)

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9.4. Textbook Adoption (*Reference Policy #6100.10*)

World Regions Series

The Americas

Europe and Russia

Southwest and Central Asia

Walter C. Polson Middle School

Holt McDougal Publisher, 2012

MOTION: by Fitzgerald seconded by Wood to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Clorite, Dean, Fitzgerald, Klaskin, Meier, Ruggiero, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

10. Action Item: Minutes of the December 7, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.

MOTION: by Meier, seconded by Wood to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.

Mr. Clorite stated that he would like to amend the minutes with the addition of the following paragraph to reflect a discussion that took place at the meeting.

*Mr. Clorite inquired as to the future offering of French at Polson Middle School and Daniel Hand High School. Mr. Zittoun and Mr. Klein replied that students are first able to take French in Grade 7. If they successfully complete 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade French, they will enter Daniel Hand High School as a French 2 student, and then progress through French 3, 4 and 5. If the number of students who excel in the course and successfully complete French 5 warrants, the French 6 for Honors Credit can be offered. A student can also choose to continue with Spanish in Grades 7 and 8, and then elect to enter Grade 9 as a French 1 student. This Grade 7 through 12 program has been in place in the aforementioned format for the past three years and it is planned that it will continue in the future.*

MOTION: by Clorite, seconded by Ruggiero to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2010 Board of Education meeting as amended.

AYES: Clorite, Dean, Fitzgerald, Meier, Ruggiero, Wood

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Klaskin

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

11. Action Item: Minutes of the December 15, 2010 Special Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Meier to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010 Board of Education Special Meeting

AYES: Dean, Klaskin, Meier, Wood

NAYES: None

ABSTENTIONS: Clorite, Fitzgerald, Ruggiero

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

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12. Action Item: Daniel Hand High School Program of Studies

MOTION: by Wood, seconded by Meier to approve the Daniel Hand High School Program of Studies for 2011-2012

AYES: Clorite, Dean, Fitzgerald, Klaskin, Meier, Ruggiero, Wood  
NAYS: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

13. Action Item: Policy #6152, Grouping for Instruction

MOTION: By the Policy Committee to approve Policy #6152, Grouping for Instruction

AYES: Clorite, Dean, Fitzgerald, Klaskin, Meier, Ruggiero, Wood  
NAYS: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

14. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

15. New Business

15.1. Textbook Adoption Preview (December 21, 2010-January 4, 2011) (*Reference Policy #6100.10*)

Environmental Science  
Principals of Ecology  
Daniel Hand High School, Grades 11 and 12  
Pearson Publisher, 2011

16. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Klein stated that these presentations will provide updates on each of the ongoing 'works in progress' listed. He stated that he is looking forward to more information being shared with the Board on each of the items.

16.1. Update: RtI / SRBI: January 18, 2011

16.2. NAVIANCE Presentation for Grades 5 & 6: February 15, 2011

16.3. Update: Elementary "Literacy How" Initiative (Tentative Date – February 2011)

17. Meetings of Importance

Mr. Dean pointed out the list of upcoming meetings of importance on the agenda. It was noted that the January 4, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., not 7:30 a.m. as misprinted on the agenda.

18. Adjournment

MOTION: by Ruggiero seconded by Meier to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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AYES: Clorite, Dean, Fitzgerald, Klaskin, Meier, Ruggiero,  
Wood  
NAYS: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Submitted for approval at the 01/04/11 Board of Education Meeting  
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