

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 29, 2014
7:30 PM
Town Campus Hammonasset Room**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Attendance

The public meeting of the Madison Board of Education was called to order by Chair Jean Fitzgerald at 7:31 p.m. Chairman Fitzgerald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Jessica Bowler; Bill Clorite; Jean Fitzgerald; Alison Keating; Seth Klaskin; Christopher Puricelli; Bob Ruggiero; Bruce Wilson; Cindy Wood.

Also present: Thomas Scarice, Superintendent of Schools; Gail Dahling-Hench, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; students; and community members.

2. School / Community Session

2.1. Recognitions:

Mr. Craig Semple introduced the following students and coaches for their achievements.

2.1.1. Teddy Zeng - Class M Diving State Champion and State Open Champion

2.1.2. Daniel Hand High School Boys Ice Hockey Team Division II State Champions
Ken Mitchell, Coach and Eric Braumann, Assistant Coach

2.1.3. Daniel Hand High School Gymnastics Team Class M State Champions
Kelly Smith, Coach

2.1.4. Kelly Smith - Connecticut High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year

2.1.5. Steve Filippone - National High School Football Coach of the Year Finalist

Mr. Semple stated what an achievement it was for Mr. Filippone to be a finalist for the National High School Football Coach of the Year.

Mr. Filippone stated that it was a profound honor to represent Daniel Hand High School.

2.2. Public Participation

No comments were made.

3. Executive Session

MOTION: by Wood seconded by Klaskin to enter Executive Session at 7:50p.m. to discuss the non-renewal of a non-tenured teacher.

AYES: Bowler, Clorite, Fitzgerald, Keating, Klaskin, Puricelli, Ruggiero, Wilson, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Non-Renewal of one non-tenured teacher for the 2014-2015 school year was discussed.

4. Adjourn Executive Session

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Wood to adjourn Executive Session at 7:54p.m.

AYES: Bowler, Clorite, Fitzgerald, Keating, Klaskin, Puricelli, Ruggiero, Wilson, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

5. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Mr. Murphy stated that there was a Student Leadership meeting held last week regarding freshman orientation for the 2014-2015 school year.

Ms. Butler noted that Show Boat will take place next Friday.

Ms. Butler stated that Nite-In-Hand Senior Auction will take place May 1st.

Mr. Murphy noted that Noel Haren won the SCC Division II Swimmer of the Year.

Superintendent Scarice stated that he will be shadowing another Daniel Hand Student on May 2nd.

Mr. Murphy stated that they were working putting a system in place so that the Board of Education Representatives would be able to communicate questions from the students of Daniel Hand High School back to the Board as well as relaying information from the Board back to the students of Daniel Hand High School.

6. Superintendent's Report

6.1. Curriculum Review Council Presentation (Gail Dahling-Hench) (On File)

Assistant Superintendent Dahling-Hench, Rebecca Roy, Stacey Daly, Mike Kiefer and Denise Earles gave the following presentation on Curriculum review Council

- Develop curricula that is aligned with state and national standards with an emphasis on the skills needed to realize the district vision for a 21st century education.
- Values curriculum design that constructs and shapes powerful learning experiences to build pathways and connections for application.
- Substantive learning will be measured using a variety of indicators that include a student's ability to leverage skills and content for authentic application.

This sub-set of the Curriculum Council was established to bring continuity and establish guidelines for all curricular documents.

- Creating Madison Design Standards for both curriculum and assessment.
- Reviewing drafted units, determining when the design standards are met and offering feedback to writers based on the criteria.
- Creating a common language for 21st century skills
- Recommending a cycle for curriculum study, revision, drafting, implementation and adoption.
- Approving curricular units as meeting the Madison standards prior to going to the Madison Board of Education.
- Reporting back to the Curriculum Council on a regular basis about the progress of their work.

6.2. Student Technology Devices (Gail Dahling-Hench, Arthur Sickle, T.J. Salutari, Mark Harris, Mike Kiefer, Rita Boland and Sheila Judge) (On File)

Arthur Sickle, Rita Boland, Michael Kiefer, T.J. Salutari, and Gail Dahling-Hench presented the work of the Device Sub-committee of the Madison Instructional Technology Team (MITT) regarding standard device recommendations by grade level. The committee concluded that the district will maintain a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) approach to student devices, primarily in the upper grades, and provide pooled devices for student use as needed during the day for classroom activities for students who cannot bring their own. The district will focus on iPads in grades K-2, and Chromebooks for grades 3 – 12. No devices will be used in the Preschool program, and special needs students will have access to appropriate devices decided on a case by case basis.

The district's commitment to Google Apps for Education was discussed and a demonstration of the environment was provided. Mr. Salutari discussed the pilot program using Google Apps and Chromebooks in the Journalism class at Daniel Hand. Mr. Sickle presented a multi-year purchasing plan prioritizing the elementary school grade levels first, followed by the middle schools and then high school.

6.3. Connecticut Healthy Foods Program Certification Update (Arthur Sickle)

Mr. Sickle and Mr. Wallace presented information about the optional State of CT Healthy Foods Certification program. Mr. Sickle explained that the board must decide and declare, on an annual basis, whether or not the district will participate in the program. Mr. Sickle indicated that historically the district has declined to participate for various reasons; however changes to the federal program now make participation in the optional program a more attractive option. Concerns about the restrictions on fundraising activities on school premises were discussed and

documentation was distributed to the board for their consideration. The process for exempting events from the food restrictions was also discussed.

A question about Good Humor sales on school grounds was asked. Mr. Sickle indicated he would check with the CSDE and report back at a future meeting.

Ms. Fitzgerald stated to the Board that if they have any questions to please forward them to Art Sickle.

6.4. Island Avenue Playground Proposal (Bill McMinn and Doreen O'Leary) (On File)

Superintendent Scarice stated that there is a copy of the proposal in the Board package for review.

Ms. Wood thanked Bill McMinn and Doreen O'Leary for their work.

6.5. Out of State Field Trip for Daniel Hand High School - Grades 9-10 New York City Museum of Natural History - May 7, 2014

Superintendent Scarice noted that Grade 9-10 will be attending an out of state field trip to New York City Museum of Natural History - May 7, 2014

6.6. Kindergarten Enrollment Update 2014-2015

Superintendent Scarice stated that there are currently 96 kindergarten students enrolled for the 2014-2015 school year and that is was projected to be 133 students enrolled.

6.7. Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

7. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Wilson thanked Ms. Dahling-Hench and group for all of the hard work on Curriculum Council. Mr. Wilson also stated that he hopes they find their work to be rewarding.

Atty. Klaskin noted what amazing and strong sport teams Madison Public School has. Atty. Klaskin also noted how gratifying this past year has been for the Boys Ice Hockey Team.

8. Board Committees / Liaison Updates

8.1. Planning Committee

Members: Cindy Wood, Chair; Bill Clorite; Jessica Bowler

Ms. Wood stated that some of the temporary walls will be coming down at Polson over the summer. This will turn what is now 8 rooms into 4.

Ms. Wood stated that the beautification project is under way at Jeffrey Elementary School.

Ms. Wood stated that they are currently seeking RFPs for a new insurance consultant.

- 8.2. Personnel Committee**
Members: Robert Ruggiero, Chair; Alison Keating; Jessica Bowler

No report was made.

- 8.3. Policy Committee**
Members: Bruce Wilson, Chair; Seth Klaskin; Robert Ruggiero

8.3.1. Policy #5070-Promotion / Acceleration / Retention (2nd Reading)

Policy #5070-Promotion / Acceleration / Retention will move forward for a third reading at the May 6, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

Mr. Wilson stated that Policies will be in the Board of Education meeting agendas with a statement explaining the need for revision and adoption.

- 8.4. Finance Committee**
Members: Bill Clorite, Chair; Cindy Wood, Christopher Puricelli

Mr. Clorite stated that the Finance Committee met earlier this evening.

Mr. Clorite noted that the Budget Referendum will be held on May 13, 2014. Mr. Clorite stated that everyone is encouraged to vote.

Mr. Clorite stated that there will be a 1.22% increase over the 2013-2014 budget.

Mr. Clorite stated that legal as well as health insurance budgets are in good standing. Mr. Clorite stated that there is a deficit in the Special Education budget and is hoping to be absorbed in the current budget.

Mr. Clorite stated that the end of the year looks to have a positive budget.

- 8.5. LEARN Liaison**
Liaison: Alison Keating

No report was made.

9. Audience Response to Information Presented

No comments were made.

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

10.1. Bills Payable: \$1,385,011.06 2013-2014 Budget

10.2. Line Transfers: \$50,861.81

10.3. Donation: \$1,182.23 - Class of 2016 Fundraising from the Friends of Madison Youth, Inc.

10.4. Donation: \$1,175.00 to Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School for the balance of the 5th grade field trip to Rock Cats from Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School PTO

10.5. Donation: \$3,000.00 to Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School for the 6th grade field trip to Lake Compounce from Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School PTO

MOTION: by Bowler seconded by Wood to approve the Consent Agenda.
AYES: Bowler, Clorite, Fitzgerald, Keating, Klaskin, Puricelli, Ruggiero, Wilson, Wood
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

11. Action Item: Minutes of the April 1, 2014 Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: by Wilson seconded by Bowler to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting.
AYES: Bowler, Fitzgerald, Keating, Klaskin, Puricelli, Wilson, Wood
NAYS: None
ABSENTIONS: Clorite, Ruggiero
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

12. Action Item: Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teacher

MOTION: by Klaskin seconded by Wood that the contract for employment for J. Salerno, Daniel Hand High School World Language Teacher, not be renewed for the following year, based upon a reduction in force, upon its expiration at the end of the 2013 – 2014 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such persons in writing of this action.
AYES: Bowler, Clorite, Fitzgerald, Keating, Klaskin, Puricelli, Ruggiero, Wilson, Wood
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

13. Action Item: June 17, 2014 Board of Education Meeting - Reschedule location and time

MOTION: by Wood seconded by Klaskin to schedule the June 17, 2014 Board of Education meeting at the Daniel Hand High School Senior Commons at 6:00 p.m.
AYES: Bowler, Clorite, Fitzgerald, Keating, Klaskin, Puricelli, Ruggiero, Wilson, Wood
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

14. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

15. New Business

Ms. Gail Dahling-Hench noted that the Textbook Adoption Preview (April 29 – May 6) for the Practice of Statistics for the Daniel Hand High School AP Statistics Course as well as the AP U.S. History are slated for adoption at the next Board Education meeting.

15.1. Textbook Adoption Preview (April 29 - May 6) (Reference Policy #6100.10) The Practice of Statistics for the Daniel Hand High School AP Statistics Course

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16. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were discussed.

17. Meetings / Dates of Importance (See Attached)

18. Adjournment

MOTION: by Wood seconded by Ruggiero to adjourn the meeting at 10:22p.m.

AYES: Bowler, Clorite, Fitzgerald, Keating, Klaskin, Puricelli, Ruggiero, Wilson, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Approved at the May 20, 2014 Board of Education Meeting
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