

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 7:30 PM

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. Recognition: Daniel Hand High School Girls' Soccer Team - National Soccer Association Team Academic Award
Speaker (s): David J. Klein

III.B. Public Participation

IV. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report
Speaker (s): Thomas Presti and Anna Balakrishnan

V. Superintendent's Report

Speaker (s): David J. Klein

V.A. Enrollment Projection: 2009-2010 School Year
Speaker (s): David J. Klein

VI. Board Members' Comments

VII. Board Committees / Liaison Updates

VII.A. Planning Committee
Speaker (s): Members: Debra Frey, Chair; Bill Clorite, Becky Coffey

VII.B. Personnel Committee
Speaker (s): Members: John Dean, Chair; Becky Coffey; Robert Ruggiero; Holly Sellers

VII.C. Policy Committee
Speaker (s): Members: Harriet Gowanlock, Chair; Seth Klaskin; Becky Coffey

VII.C.1. Policy #5060.1.2, Nonresidents - Third Revision Reading
Speaker (s): Harriet Gowanlock

VII.C.2. Policy #4116, Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco - First Revision Reading
Speaker (s): Harriet Gowanlock

VII.C.3. Policy #5090.7, Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, Inhalants and Performance Enhancing Substances - First Revision Reading
Speaker (s): Harriet Gowanlock

VII.D. Finance Committee
Speaker (s): Members: Becky Coffey, Chair; Harriet Gowanlock; Holly Sellers

VII.E. Community Outreach Committee
Speaker (s): Members: Seth Klaskin, Chair;

Becky Coffey

VII.F. LEARN Liaison

Speaker (s): Liaison:
John Dean

VIII. **Audience Response to Information Presented**

IX. **Consent Agenda (9.1 - 9.3)**

IX.A. Bills Payable: \$303,226.06 (08-09)

IX.B. Line Transfers: \$212,174.82

IX.C. Donation: \$1,500 to the Daniel Hand High School Basketball program from the Madison Youth Basketball Association

X. **Action Item: Minutes of the May 5, 2009 Meeting**

XI. **Action Item: Revised Policy #5060.1.2, Non-Residents**

XII. **Old Business**

XIII. **New Business**

XIV. **Future Agenda Items**

XV. **Meetings of Importance**

Speaker (s): Chairman
Hale

XV.A. May 26, 2009; Board of Education Special Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Town Campus Hammonasset Room

XV.B. May 27, 2009; Planning Committee/IAS Building Committee; 7:30 a.m., Central Office Room B

XV.C. June 2, 2009; Finance Committee Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Central Office Room B

XV.D. June 2, 2009; Board of Education Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Town Campus Hammonasset Room

XVI. **Adjournment**

Public Participation Guidelines:

Members of the community are invited to speak on topics of interest and / or topics to be addressed in the agenda. The Board of Education may choose to interact with participants, but will not act upon topics that require further study before action is taken. The participation time will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and fifteen (15) minutes overall to guarantee efficient operation of the entire meeting.

Board of Education Meeting
May 5, 2009
Town Campus

Meeting Minutes

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Hale at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Becky Coffey; Bill Clorite; John Dean; Debra Frey; Harriet Gowanlock; Robert Hale; Seth Klaskin; Holly Sellers

Also present: David J. Klein, Superintendent; Anita Rutlin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Heather Dobson, Director of Human Resources

2. Executive Session

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

AYES: Coffey, Clorite, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale, Klaskin, Sellers

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Personnel matters involving confidential issues were discussed.

Ms. Dobson left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Legal issues were discussed.

MOTION: by Coffey seconded by Clorite to adjourn Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

AYES: Coffey, Clorite, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale, Klaskin, Sellers

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

The public session of the Board of Education meeting was called to order by Chairman Hale at 7:37 p.m. Chairman Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Becky Coffey; Bill Clorite; John Dean; Debra Frey; Harriet Gowanlock; Robert Hale; Seth Klaskin; Holly Sellers

Also present: David J. Klein, Superintendent; Anita Rutlin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment district administrators; faculty; staff; students; community members.

3. School / Community Session

3.1. Recognition:

National Teacher Appreciation Day (May 5, 2009)

Superintendent Klein announced that today was "National Teacher Appreciation Day". The newly hired teachers for the 2008-2009 school year were invited to attend the meeting and be recognized on behalf of all teachers in the Madison Public Schools. Mr. Klein thanked all teachers in the district for the great work they do each and every day

to teach, nurture and act as role models for their students, and complemented them for the energy and creativity that they put into teaching.

The following teachers were presented with Certificates of Appreciation signed by Mr. Klein and Chairman Hale:

Island Avenue Elementary School

Lynn Brown, Physical Education

Kathleen H. Ryerson Elementary School

Adrienne Sharon, World Language

Christopher Lee Stokstad, Physical Education

Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School

Melinda Aresta, Science

Megan Crowe, World Language

Ashley Joiner, Social Studies

Naomi Perkins, Reading / Language Arts Specialist

Anne Schley, World Language

Gay Tomasevich, Mathematics

J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School

Meg Lyons, Grade 3

Michelle Schmidt, Grade 3

Deb Spencer, World Language

Walter C. Polson Middle School

Elisa Brako, Mathematics / Science

Terri Ciocca, Mathematics

Dawn Fiorelli, Library Media Specialist

Lisa Hurley, Special Education

Robyn McManus, Social Studies

Christina Paradis, English

Daniel Hand High School

Katherine Bagnoli, Mathematics

Kyle Candia, English

Josh Hibbard, World Language

Scott Morrison, English

Deb Rossi, Physical Education

David Russo, Science

Jaime Vartanian, World Language

3.2. Public Participation

None at this time.

4. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report
(Thomas Presti and Anna Balakrishnan)

Ms. Balakrishnan was not present at the meeting. Mr. Presti reported on the following:

Class Meetings – were held after April vacation week. These meetings focused on different points by grade level, but ultimately stressed making good choices and ending the school year on a positive note.

Junior Prom – was held this past Saturday, May 1st. On Friday, presentations were made to the Junior class by youth groups, Safe Rides and SMASH in an assembly which focused on making good choices and stressed not drinking and driving.

AP Testing – AP tests began this week and are open to anyone who has scheduled and registered for a test.

Band Concert and Art Show – The band concert will be held on Wednesday, May 6th along with the opening of the Art Show. Mr. Presti remarked that this would be a special night for him, as it was his last band concert at Daniel Hand High School.

5. Superintendent's Report

5.1. Update: 2008-2009 Enrollment and 2009-2010 Enrollment Projection

Mr. Klein reported that enrollment currently stands at 3,704; six students over the ADS projection of 3,698.

Enrollment as of this date for the 2009-2010 school year is 3,598, with an ADS projection of 3,630. Kindergarten enrollment is at 142 with an ADS projection of 174. Mr. Klein reminded the Board that enrollment, particularly for kindergarten, would continue right through the summer.

He also commented that every year the number of Grade 1 students increases by approximately 10% over the prior year's kindergarten class due to the enrollment of students who had attended alternate kindergarten programs. He stated that the current Grade 1 number is 21 over the ADS projection for this year.

5.2. Report on Out of State Field Trips

Mr. Klein reported to the Board on out of state field trips for students at Daniel Hand and Brown Middle School.

5.3. Overview: K-12 Summer Reading List 2009 – *Express Yourself at Your Library* (Anita Rutlin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment)

Ms. Rutlin stated that she was proud to represent the Madison Public Schools' Library Media Specialists, as well as the staff from the Scranton Memorial Library, who worked collaboratively to develop this year's Summer Reading List. She commented that there are 653 titles and annotations for students to choose from with a wide variety of genres and subject matters, and the Nutmeg Selections for Grades 4-8 are included. She also remarked that Madison's Summer Reading List is touted as one of the best in the State.

Ms. Rutlin distributed copies of the Reading List to the Board and pointed out a couple of titles which she felt were particularly interesting and indicative of the variety of books on the list. Ms. Rutlin also commented that there is required summer reading for some courses in Grades 9-12, and these titles are included on the Reading List and will give students a jump start on their studies for next year.

Ms. Rutlin concluded by encouraging families to enjoy the breadth and depth of the suggested reading. Lists will be distributed to students, posted on the Madison Public Schools' Website, and also available in the Scranton Library and book stores.

6. Board Member Comments

Chairman Hale stated that the Board needs to schedule a Special Meeting to finish the work started during their October Board Retreat; specifically the Board's Self Evaluation and Goals of the Superintendent. Discussion ensued and the date chosen for the meeting was May 26th. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at approximately 8:30.

Ms. Gowanlock thanked the Library Media Specialists as well as the staff from the Scranton Library for their work on the Summer Reading List. She stated that participation in the programs and incentives offered over the summer is a wonderful experience for the kids.

Ms. Gowanlock also stated that she thought the April 28th Public Budget Hearing was a very successful meeting, and reminded everyone about the upcoming Budget Referendum on May 19th. She urged voters to come out and support the budget.

Ms. Gowanlock also reported that the Daniel Hand Chorus Concert is coming up on June 4th, and is something not to be missed.

7. Reports from Board Committees / Liaisons

7.1. Planning Committee

Ms. Frey reported that the Committee met last Wednesday in Bill McMinn's office, and subsequently toured the facilities at the Polson and Daniel Hand campuses to get a better understanding of how those spaces are currently being utilized.

Ms. Frey also stated that work on the Safe Routes to Schools Initiative continues, and Mr. Klein is involved as well as Mr. Mike Ott, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer.

7.2. Personnel Committee

The second meeting with the Teamsters Union was held last week and the third meeting is scheduled for next Monday, May 11th. Negotiations are progressing.

7.3. Policy Committee

Ms. Gowanlock reported that the Committee has not met, but reminded the Board of the following Policy, which is on the agenda for second reading.

7.3.3 Policy #5060.1.2, Nonresidents - Second Revision Reading

7.3. Finance Committee

Ms. Coffey reinforced Ms. Gowanlock's reminder about the May 19th Budget Referendum and stated that she thought that it was very important that there be good voter turnout this year, in the current economic climate. She also reiterated that this is the lowest budget increase requested by the Board of Education in at least 10 years, and the proposed budget will continue the current programs and staff that are so highly valued by our school community.

Atty. Klaskin expressed his appreciation for the hard work done by Ms. Coffey and the Finance Committee, and stated that it was evident that they took the task of developing a responsible budget very much to heart. He also thanked Mr. Klein, Ms. Dotty Bavin, Director of Finance, the Administration and staff for their work preparing such an excellent budget.

7.5. Community Outreach Committee

No report.

7.6. LEARN Liaison

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14th, and Mr. Dean will report on that meeting at the next Board of Education meeting.

8. Audience Response to Information Presented

None at this time.

9. Consent Agenda

9.1. Bills Payable: \$313.50 (07-08); \$835,849.70 (08-09)

9.2. Line Transfers: \$68,916.57

9.3. Budget Expenditure Reports as of April 30, 2009

9.4. Donation: \$3,036 to the Kathleen H. Ryerson Elementary School for the purchase of 2 digital projectors and 2 digital cameras, from the Ryerson PTO.

9.5. Donation: \$6,000 to the Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School for field trips (\$2,000 for Grade 5 students; \$4,000 for Grade 6 students) from the Brown Middle School PTO.

9.6. Donation: \$5,000 to the Hershnik Gardens Project from the Timocracy Foundation (established in memory of Timothy Orefice).

9.7. Request for removal of used books/equipment (*Reference Policy #3260*)

MOTION: by Frey, seconded by Sellers to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Clorite, Coffey, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale,
Klaskin, Sellers
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Atty. Sellers commented on the very generous donations from the Ryerson and Brown PTO's which will provide technology equipment and funding for field trips. She also commented on the very generous donation from the Timocracy Foundation, and stated that she thought it was a wonderful way to honor the memory of Timothy Orefice.

10. Action Item: Minutes of April 21, 2009 Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: by Coffey, seconded by Klaskin to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

AYES: Clorite, Coffey, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale,
Klaskin, Sellers
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

11. Action Item: Agreement between the Madison Public Schools and NAGE (National Association of Government Employees)

MOTION: by Dean, seconded by Coffey to ratify the agreement between the Madison Public Schools and NAGE (National Association of Government Employees).

AYES: Clorite, Coffey, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale,
Klaskin, Sellers
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

12. Action Item: Submission of the Connecticut State Department of Education Special Education Grant Programs Application for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Frey, to approve the submission of the Connecticut State Department of Education Special Education Grant Programs Application for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

AYES: Clorite, Coffey, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale,
Klaskin, Sellers
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

13. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

14. New Business

No new business was discussed.

15. Future Agenda Items

16. Meetings of importance.

Chairman Hale referred to the list of upcoming meetings on the agenda, and reminded the Board that a Special Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th.

17. Adjournment

MOTION: by Dean, seconded by Gowanlock to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

AYES: Clorite, Coffey, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale, Klaskin, Sellers

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Submitted for approval at the 05/19/09 Board of Education Meeting
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