

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 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:

III.A.1. Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School - 2010 National Blue Ribbon School: Jullie Phelps, Principal; Kathryn Hart, Assistant Principal; Application Team: M. Catucci; M. Chimento; J. Coniff; J. Dielman; R. Gerritt; L. Humphries; B. Micciche; L. Ramondetta; M. Rao; N. Rosenstein; A. Schley; N. Sylvain

III.B. Public Participation

IV. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Speaker (s): Andrew Chapman and Jessica Buller

V. Superintendent's Report

Speaker (s): David J. Klein

V.A. Overview: 2009-2010 Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) Results

Speaker (s): Anita Rutlin

VI. Board Members' Comments

VI.A. Rescheduling of November 2, 2010 Board of Education Meeting to November 9, 2010

VI.B. School Liaisons for the 2010-2011 School Year

VII. Board Committees / Liaison Updates

VII.A. Planning Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Debra Frey, Chair; Bill Clorite; Jean Fitzgerald

VII.B. Personnel Committee

Speaker (s): Members: John Dean, Chair; Pam Meier; Robert Ruggiero

VII.C. Policy Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Seth Klaskin, Chair; Jean Fitzgerald; Pam Meier

VII.D. Finance Committee

Speaker (s): Members: Bill Clorite, Chair; Jean Fitzgerald;

Cindy Wood

VII.E. LEARN Liaison

Speaker (s): Liaison:
Robert Ruggiero

VIII. **Audience Reponse to Information Presented**

IX. **Consent Agenda (9.1 - 9.3) Ref. Bylaw #9540.2
and #9540.8)**

IX.A. Bills Payable: \$42,620.39 (09-10);
\$1,563,292.41 (10-11)

IX.B. Line Transfers: \$44,218.28

IX.C. Donation: \$1,135.76 to Kathleen H.
Ryerson Elementary School for 8 digital cameras,
cases and memory cards from the Ryerson School
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X. **Action Item: Minutes of the September 7, 2010
Board of Education Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.8)**

XI. **Old Business**

XII. **New Business**

XIII. **Future Agenda Items**

XIII.A. Class of 2010 Update - TBD

XIII.B. Update: Review Work of the School /
Community Safety Team - October 19, 2010

XIV. **Meetings of Importance**

Speaker (s):
Chairperson Coffey

XIV.A. September 22, 2010: Planning Committee
Meeting; 7:30 a.m., Town Campus Hammonasset Room

XIV.B. October 5, 2010: Finance Committee
Meeting; 6:00 p.m., Central Office Room B

XIV.C. October 5, 2010: Board of Education
Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Town Campus Hammonasset Room

XIV.D. November 19-20: CABA / CAPSS Convention;
Mystic Marriot, Groton, CT

XV. **Adjournment**

**Madison Public Schools
Board of Education Meeting
Central Office Room B
September 7, 2010
7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Executive Session Agenda

1. Executive Session (5:30 p.m.)

1.A. Personnel Issues

- **Status of Open Positions**

1.B. Legal Issues

Adjournment (7:30 p.m.)

Board of Education Meeting
September 7, 2010
Meeting Minutes

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Coffey at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Bill Clorite; Becky Coffey; John Dean; Jean Fitzgerald; Debra Frey; Seth Klaskin; Pamela Meier; Robert Ruggiero; Cindy Wood.

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

2. Executive Session

MOTION: by Dean, seconded by Coffey to enter Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Personnel matters involving confidential issues were discussed.

Legal matters were discussed.

MOTION: by Ruggiero, seconded by Wood to adjourn Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION Carried: 9-0

The Public Session of the Board of Education meeting was called to order by Chairperson Coffey at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Coffey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bill Clorite; Becky Coffey; John Dean; Jean Fitzgerald; Debra Frey; 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. Recognition:

*James R. Holleran, Mathematics Teacher, Daniel Hand High School
2011 Madison Public Schools Teacher of the Year*

Superintendent Klein and the Board of Education recognized Madison Public Schools' 2011 Teacher of the Year, Jim Holleran. Superintendent Klein spoke of Mr. Holleran's dedication to the district and stated that he is a teacher of the highest caliber, an asset to the Madison Public Schools and the Madison community, and a very worthy recipient of this award.

Ms. Anita Rutlin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, next commented that she had worked with Mr. Holleran on his application to the state for Connecticut's Teacher of the Year, and it was a very enjoyable process and one that reaffirmed his value to the Madison Public Schools.

Mrs. Barbara Britton, Principal of Daniel Hand High School also remarked on Mr. Holleran's dedication not only as an excellent teacher, but also as a coach and class advisor. She stated that he is a highly regarded and respected member of the Daniel Hand faculty and a friend to many.

Mr. Holleran, who received his official award at the District Convocation on August 27th, was presented with a certificate signed by Board Chairwoman Coffey and Superintendent Klein.

3.2. Public Participation

None at this time.

4. Superintendent's Report

4.1. Update: 2010-2011 Enrollment

Mr. Klein reported that enrollment currently stands at 3,601 students; 33 over the ADS projection of 3,568. Most of the disparity lies in grades 6-12. Kindergarten enrollment is at 134, and the ADS projection was 149. Mr. Klein remarked that the ADS projections for kindergarten are generally on the high side, so this did not come as a surprise.

4.2. Overview: First week of 2010-2011 School Year

Mr. Klein commented that it was an interesting first week, contending with the heat and humidity, and then the precautionary early dismissal on Friday. However, even with those issues, Mr. Klein remarked that it was remarkable how quickly students and staff transitioned back into the school routine. He stated that overall it was a terrific first week of school.

5. Board Member Comments

Ms. Coffey commented on the activities leading to the start of school last week. She stated that meeting the new staff members at their orientation was very enjoyable and the excitement of the staff at the Convocation was palpable. She also commented that it seems the school year is off to a great start.

6. Reports from Board Committees / Liaisons

6.1. Planning Committee

No report. Ms. Frey stated that the Committee is meeting the following day.

6.2. Personnel Committee

Mr. Dean reported that the negotiations with the MEA are underway and there are two meetings scheduled for September. He stated that progress is being made.

6.3. Policy Committee

No report. Atty. Klaskin stated that the Committee will meet on September 21st.

6.4. Finance Committee

No report.

6.5. LEARN Liaison

No report.

7. Audience Response to Information Presented

None at this time.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1. Bills Payable: \$61,245.90 (09-10); \$334,910.04 (10-11)

8.2. Line Transfers: \$15,737.60

8.3. Donation: \$5,000 to J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School for Gym equipment, from Gloria Smith.

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

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Atty. Klaskin stated that he wished to express particular appreciation to Ms. Gloria Smith for her very generous donation to Jeffrey School. Ms. Smith is a long time employee in the Jeffrey Cafeteria, and Atty. Klaskin stated that Ms. Smith's donation is symbolic of the special community Jeffrey School is, and the district in general. He expressed his personal appreciation to Ms. Smith for this extremely generous gift.

9. Action Item: Minutes of the August 24, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Meier to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2010 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Clorite, Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Klaskin, Meier, Ruggiero, Wood

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Dean

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

10. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

11. New Business

No new business was discussed.

12. Future Agenda Items

12.1. Overview of 2009-2010 Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) Results – September 21, 2010.

13. Meetings of Importance

Ms. Coffey posted out the meetings listed on the agenda.

13. Adjournment

MOTION: by Dean, seconded by Ruggiero to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

AYES: Clorite, Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Klaskin, Meier, Ruggiero, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Submitted for approval at the 09/21/10 Board of Education Meeting
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