

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 7:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order / Attendance

II. School / Community Session

II.A. Recognition: National Professional School
Social Work Month

II.B. Public Participation

III. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report

Speaker (s): Andrew
Chapman and Jessica
Buller

IV. Superintendent's Report

Speaker (s): David J.
Klein

IV.A. Report on Out of State Travel (Ref.
Policy #6100.16.1)

Speaker (s): David J.
Klein

IV.B. Overview: K-12 Summer Reading List 2011 -
One World, Many Stories

Speaker (s): Anita
Rutlin

IV.C. Update: Elementary "Literacy How"
Initiative

Speaker (s): Mona
Goodman, Principal J.
Milton Jeffrey
Elementary School;
Kathy Nutley,
Principal Island
Avenue Elementary
School; Kelly
Spooner, Principal
Kathleen H. Ryerson
Elementary School

IV.D. Other

V. Board Members' Comments

VI. Board Committees / Liaison Updates

VI.A. Planning Committee

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

VI.B. Personnel Committee

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

VI.C. Policy Committee

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

VI.D. Finance Committee

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

VI.E. LEARN Liaison

Speaker (s): Liaison:
Robert Ruggiero

VII. Audience Reponse to Information Presented

VIII. Consent Agenda (8.1 - 8.4) Ref. Bylaw #9540.2 and #9540.8)

VIII.A. Bills Payable: \$591,353.05 (10-11)

VIII.B. Line Transfers: \$35,709.39

VIII.C. Donation: \$3,780 to Island Avenue Elementary School for Field Trips (Grades 1, 3, 4) and Planners from the Island Avenue PTO

VIII.D. Donation: \$6,000 to Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School for field trips, from the Brown School PTO

IX. Action Item: Minutes of the March 1, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

X. Action Item: Non Renewals (Reduction in Force) for the 2011-2012 School Year

XI. Action Item: Non Renewal for the 2011-2012 School Year

XII. Action Item: Relinquish control of the Academy Street School Property to the Town of Madison.

XIII. Old Business

XIV. New Business

XIV.A. Textbook Adoption Preview (March 15 - April 5, 2011) (Ref. Policy #6100.10) **Speaker (s):** Anita Rutlin

XIV.A.1. United States History, Beginnings to 1877; Holt Rinehart and Winston Publisher, 2009; Social Studies Grade 8, Walter C. Polson Middle School **Speaker (s):** Anita Rutlin

XV. Future Agenda Items

XV.A. NAVIANCE Presentation for Grade 5 & 6: TBD

XVI. Meetings of Importance

Speaker (s):
Chairperson Coffey

XVI.A. March 23, 2011: Planning Committee Meeting; 7:30 a.m., Central Office Room B

XVI.B. April 5, 2011: Finance Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Central Office Room B

XVI.C. April 5, 2011: Board of Education Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Town Campus Hammonasset Room

XVI.D. April 13, 2011: Planning Committee Meeting; 7:30 a.m., Central Office Room B

XVI.E. April 25, 2011: Budget Public Hearing; 7:30 p.m., Walter C. Polson Middle School Auditorium

XVI.F. April 27, 2011: Planning Committee Meeting; 7:30 a.m., Central Office Room B

XVI.G. May 3, 2011: Finance Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Central Office Room B

XVI.H. May 3, 2011: Board of Education Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Town Campus Hammonasset Room

XVII. Adjournment

Board of Education Meeting
March 1, 2011
Meeting Minutes

1. The public session of the Board of Education 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; district administrators; faculty; staff; community members

2. School / Community Session

2.1. Recognition: Connecticut Boards of Education Member Appreciation Month

Mr. Klein announced that March is Board of Education Member Appreciation Month. He thanked the Board for their commitment to the students of the Madison Public Schools and the community as a whole. He remarked that their contributions are never taken for granted, and the students are the direct beneficiaries of their stellar public service. Each Board member received a token gift of appreciation.

2.2. Public Participation

None at this time.

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

Mr. Chapman was not present at the meeting; Ms. Buller reported on the following:

- CAPT testing (for all sophomores and juniors and seniors retaking) begins this coming Tuesday, March 8th.
- Trimester 2 is coming to a close with exams starting on Thursday, March 17th.
- Tonight, the CDA Festival Performance is taking place at Daniel Hand High School. In addition, the Daniel Hand Show Choir, VIBE is performing. 600 tickets were sold in advance of this performance and proceeds will be used to help fund the Show Choir's upcoming trip to Massachusetts to participate in another show choir festival. Mr. Klein commented that the group has won several awards at festivals already this year and are making quite a name for themselves.

4. Superintendent's Report

4.1. Enrollment Update

Mr. Klein stated that current enrollment stands at 3,612, which is 34 students more than the 3,578 projected by ADS.

4.2. Report on Out of State Travel

Mr. Klein reported the upcoming out of state field trip for the Daniel Hand High School Show Choir.

4.3. Other

Mr. Klein had nothing further to report.

4. Board Members' Comments

No comments at this time.

6. Reports from Board Committees / Liaisons

6.1. Planning Committee

Ms. Frey stated that the Committee had not met since the last Board of Education meeting. She reminded the Board that the Town has been conducting a legal review of the title of the Academy School Building. That review has concluded and Ms. Frey has recently gotten the all clear from the Town for the Board of Education to make a decision about the building. She expects the Planning Committee will bring forth recommendation in the near future for the Board to vote on.

6.2. Personnel Committee

Mr. Dean did not have a report at this time, but he reminded members of the Negotiations Team that their first (organizational) meeting with MAESS is scheduled for next Monday, March 7th.

6.3. Policy Committee

6.3.1. First Reading: Revised Policy #5120.3.3.2, Pediculosis

Atty. Klaskin stated that the Committee has not met, but discussed the revised Pediculosis policy at their last meeting. It was the consensus that the changes constituted a bit more than a Technical revision, but were reflective of the District's practices, and the Committee would like to waive the customary second and third policy readings before approving the revised policy tonight. Ms. Coffey asked Atty. Klaskin for a motion to add to the agenda an item waiving the additional readings prior to approving the policy.

MOTION: by the Policy Committee, to add an agenda item to waive the second and third readings with regard to Revised Policy #5120.3.3.2, Pediculosis

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

6.4. Finance Committee

Mr. Clorite reported that the Committee had met earlier in the evening. They discussed the current year budget, specifically snow removal expenditures and utility costs. Mr. Clorite also noted that Director of Finance Dotty Bavin has recently received a check from the state for 75% of the reimbursement due for Special Education costs.

Mr. Clorite reminded the Board that that Board of Finance is meeting the following night to review the Board of Education's Budget, and stated that Superintendent Klein has already prepared responses to questions that have been raised regarding the budget. He asked all available Board of Education members to attend the meeting in support of the budget.

Finally, Mr. Clorite reminded the Board that the Town's Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 3rd after being postponed from an earlier date.

6.5. LEARN Liaison

No report.

7. Audience Response to Information Presented

None at this time.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1. Bills Payable: \$4,948.32 (09-10); \$720,108.54 (10-11)

8.2. Line Transfers: \$43,322.56

8.3. Line Transfer: \$15 (Athletic Registration Fees)

8.4. Budget Expenditure Report as of February 24, 2011

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

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

9. Action Item: Minutes of the February 15, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Meier to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Dean, Wood

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

10. Ms. Coffey next called for the Motion requested earlier by Atty. Klaskin:

MOTION: by the Policy Committee to waive the second and third readings with regard to Revised Policy #5120.3.3.2, Pediculosis.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

11. Revised Policy #5120.3.3.2, Pediculosis (*Reference Bylaw #9620*)

MOTION: By the Policy Committee to approved Revised Policy #5120.3.3.2, Pediculosis

Ms. Frey noted that there was a typographical error in section 3 – the word ‘identification’ was misspelled.

MOTION: by the Policy Committee to approve Revised Policy #5120.3.3.2, Pediculosis, as amended.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

11. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

12. New Business

No new business was discussed.

13. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Klein noted the following upcoming presentations.

13.1. Update: Elementary “Literacy How” Initiative: March 15, 2011

13.2. NAVIANCE Presentation for Grades 5 & 6: TBD

14. Meetings of Importance

Ms. Coffey pointed out the list of upcoming meetings of importance on the agenda, in particular the March 2nd Board of Finance meeting to review the Board of Education’s Budget and the March 3rd Annual Town Meeting.

She also pointed out the CAFE Day on the Hill event on March 9th and asked Board members who plan to attend to notify Mrs. Donofrio to be registered.

15. Adjournment

MOTION: by Dean seconded by Klaskin to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Submitted for approval at the 03/15/11 Board of Education Meeting
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