

# Board of Education Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 19, 2011 7:30 PM

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

## I. Call to Order / Attendance

## II. School / Community Session

### II.A. Public Participation

## III. Superintendent's Report

**Speaker (s):** David J. Klein

### III.A. Enrollment Update

### III.B. Other

## IV. Board Members' Comments

## V. Board Committees / Liaison Updates

### V.A. Planning Committee

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

### V.B. Personnel Committee

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

### V.C. Policy Committee

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

#### V.C.1. Final Reading: Policy #4141, Social Networking

### V.D. Finance Committee

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

### V.E. LEARN Liaison

**Speaker (s):** Liaison: Robert Ruggiero

## VI. Audience Reponse to Information Presented

## VII. Consent Agenda (7.1 - 7.5) Ref. Bylaw #9540.2 and #9540.8)

VII.A. Bills Payable: \$316,788.09 (10-11); \$586,390.30 (11-12)

VII.B. Line Transfers: \$8,265.00

VII.C. Line Transfers: \$72,428.47

VII.D. Donation: AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), approximate value \$1,300-\$1,700, to the Walter C. Polson Middle School in Memory of Jordan Kinscherf, from the Daniel Hand High School Boys Lacrosse Booster Program.

VII.E. Donation: \$11,956.04 to Kathleen H. Ryerson Elementary School to fund the purchase of two Smart Boards, subscription to RAZ Kids; P.E. equipment; student planners for Grades 3 and 4; and books for the Literacy Lab.

VIII. **Action Item: Minutes of the June 21, 2011 Board of Education Meeting**

IX. **Action Item: Policy #4141, Social Networking (Ref. Bylaw #9620)**

X. **Action Item: Final Approval of the Island Avenue Elementary School Roof and Solar Panel Project.**

XI. **Old Business**

XII. **New Business**

XIII. **Future Agenda Items**

XIV. **Meetings of Importance**

**Speaker(s) :**

Chairperson Coffey

XIV.A. July 20: Planning Committee Meeting; 7:30 a.m., Town Campus Hammonasset Room

XIV.B. August 16, 2011: Board of Education Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Town Campus Hammonasset Room

XV. **Executive Session**

XV.A. Discussion: Employment Contract for the Superintendent of Schools

XVI. **Adjournment**

Board of Education Meeting  
June 21, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

1. The public meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Coffey at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Becky Coffey; Jean Fitzgerald; Debra Frey; Pam Meier; Cindy Wood

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

Ms. Coffey requested that two items be added to the agenda and asked for a Motion to approve each addition.

MOTION by Fitzgerald, seconded by Frey to add as agenda #11 the approval of a Donation in the amount of \$1,340 to J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School.

AYES: Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Meier, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

MOTION: by Frey, seconded by Meier to add as agenda item #12 the request for removal of used books / equipment.

AYES: Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Meier, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

2. School / Community Session

2.1. Recognitions:

2.1.1 Daniel Hand High School Art Student Recognitions:

**Senior Fine Art Portfolios**

~ Mika Klos-Shakaid, Best in Show  
~ Kelsey Sparn, First Place  
~ Carolyn Bull, Second Place  
~ Franceska Nebel, Third Place  
~ Haley Evans, Honorable Mention

**Underclassmen Fine Art Portfolios**

~ Sarah Cotton, First Place  
~ Anne Pancak, Second Place  
~ Katherine Meier, Third Place  
~ Jessica Graves, Honorable Mention

**Senior Photography Portfolios**

~ Thomas Morris, First Place  
~ Joy Kimmel, Second Place  
~ Joshua Hettrick, Third Place

**Junior Photography Portfolios**

~ Alyse Patrick, First Place

**John Slade Ely House Center of Contemporary Art, New Haven**

~ Mika Klos-Shakaid, Joan Abeshouse Memorial Award  
~ Luke Taylor, Special Recognition – Self-Portrait Collagraph Print  
~ Emily Licursi, Photo Collective Award – Digital Photo

Ms. Coffey stated that she and the Board were happy to recognize these very talented art students from Daniel Hand High School tonight. She commented that it was thrilling to see at the DHHS Art Show the wonderful work of these students and praised the teachers who inspire them.

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Mr. Klein introduced Angela Medley, Daniel Hand High School Art Teacher and Program Coordinator. He then thanked the students who were in attendance for taking the time to be at the meeting during this very busy time of year.

Ms. Medley talked first about the John Slade Ely House awards. She explained that this is a regional art show and participating high schools can only submit ten entries. Out of the ten submitted by Daniel Hand, she was very proud that three of the entries won awards.

Ms. Medley also talked about the building art show, and explained that it is judged by a panel of seven or eight professional artists, and all students, no matter what their award, should be mindful and take pride in the fact that their work is recognized by professionals.

Mr. Klein and Ms. Medley introduced the following students who were present at the meeting, and presented them with Certificates of Recognition:

*~ Alyse Patrick, First Place, Junior Photography Portfolios*

*~ Katherine Meier, Third Place, Underclassmen Fine Art Portfolios*

*~ Mika Klos-Shakaid, Best in Show, Senior Art Portfolios and the  
Joan Abeshouse Memorial Award at the John Slade Ely House Center*

Mr. Klein and Ms. Medley announced the names and awards of the remaining students being recognized, and stated that their certificates will be mailed to them.

## 2.2. Public Participation

None at this time.

## 3. Superintendent's Report

### 3.1. End of Year Activities

Mr. Klein updated the Board on some of the year end activities.

- Students transitioning to different buildings / grade levels have had an opportunity to visit their new schools. There will be opportunities in the fall for parent orientations as well; those dates will be announced shortly;
- Wednesday is the last day for Pre-School and Kindergarten students; all other students finish up on Thursday;
- Polson's Stepping Forth Ceremony will take place on Thursday morning;
- The Daniel Hand High School graduation is set for Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. on the Town Green. A large tent has been assembled and Mr. Klein stated that everyone is very excited about the event and hoping for good weather. If it is just raining, the ceremony will go on; if there is dangerous weather, the ceremony will be postponed to Friday morning.
- Nite in Hand is also being held on Thursday night. Mr. Klein commented that this is an incredibly well orchestrated event, and stated that the amount of time and labor devoted to the event by many people is very much appreciated. It is a wonderful graduation gift to our students;
- The Summer Reading List is posted on the district website and is also available at the Scranton Library and R.J. Julia.

Mr. Klein concluded by saying we are reaching the end of a very successful school year. Just today the district learned that Daniel Hand High School was once again named one of the top high schools in the country by Newsweek Magazine, ranking 231 out of 500. We also just learned that Daniel Hand has once again been awarded the Michael's Achievement Cup, which honors student athletes. Mr. Klein said the success of the district is a result

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of four factors - terrific kids who are motivated to work hard; very supportive and enthusiastic parents; highly skilled teachers, support staff and administrators and a community that enthusiastically supports public education. He stated that the partnership of all parties is how the district earns these awards. He also stated that we do not take the success for granted and the hard work is ongoing.

Ms. Coffey commended the leadership of Superintendent Klein and Assistant Superintendent Rutlin and stated that it is invaluable to the success of the district. Mr. Klein thanked Ms. Coffey but said he gives credit to all involved and that Madison has a long tradition of success that he is proud to be a part of.

### 3.2. Enrollment

Mr. Klein reported that enrollment for 2011-2012 is at 3,449 – only three students under the ADS projected 3,452. Kindergarten is at 139, which is 16 over the ADS projection but he reminded the Board that this number is still likely to change. Mr. Klein stated that he will keep the Board apprised of enrollment numbers at their summer meetings.

### 4. Board Members' Comments

None at this time.

### 5. Reports from Board Committees / Liaisons

#### 5.1. Planning Committee

Ms. Frey stated that the Committee met two weeks prior. She deferred a facilities report at this time, and also stated that the Planning Committee meeting scheduled for the following day was being postponed to Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Other topics discussed at last week's meeting:

The Committee reviewed their 2011-12 meeting schedule; enrollment / elementary facilities usage; and the School Resource Officer (SRO) Initiative. Ms. Frey noted that the Committee has not yet received the information requested back in October from Chief Drumm. At their June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Committee authorized Ms. Frey to work collaboratively with Superintendent Klein to develop a formal, written request to the Chief of Police for a comprehensive plan, specifically related to the model of community policing in Madison. She noted that only after reviewing that detailed information can the Committee complete their due diligence. Ms. Frey stated that it is her hope that the Chief can attend a future Board meeting to learn about the Board's decision making process.

#### 5.2. Personnel Committee

No report.

#### 5.3. Policy Committee

No report. Ms. Coffey noted in Atty. Klaskin's absence the policy on tonight's agenda for second reading, and asked that any questions or comments be forwarded to Atty. Klaskin.

#### 5.4. Finance Committee

No report. Ms. Coffey reminded the Board in Mr. Clorite's absence that the Finance Committee will meet with Ms. Dotty Bavin, Director of Finance and Superintendent Klein on June 30<sup>th</sup> to reconcile accounts and close out the fiscal year.

#### 5.5. LEARN Liaison

No report.

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6. Audience Response to Information Presented

Ms. Coffey noted at this time that the Board's Negotiation Team had reached a successful contract agreement with MAESS, the Madison Association for Educational Supportive Services. She offered her thanks on behalf of the Board to MAESS for recognizing the difficult fiscal climate and stated that it was a very fair contract and she was happy that an agreement was reached amicably.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1. Bills Payable: \$850.00 (09-10); \$630,228.57 (10-11)

7.2 Line Transfers: \$68,363.83

7.3 Donation: \$10,000 for Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School – to purchase Wireless Patriot Lectern, DaLite Complete Dual Vision Front and Read 10 X 17 Projector; RnB Ceiling Mounted LMC Projector and W.B. Mason Display Case for foyer, from the Brown School PTO.

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

Statistics Through Applications  
Second Edition  
W.H. Freeman and Company, 2011  
Statistics  
Mathematics Grade 12  
Daniel Hand High School

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

AYES: Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Meier, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Ms. Frey called out the generous donation to Jeffrey Elementary School, which will be approved later in the meeting and the very generous donation to Brown Middle School.

8. Action Item: Minutes of the June 7, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

MOTION: by Frey, seconded by Fitzgerald to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

AYES: Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Wood

NAYS: None

ABSTENTION: Meier

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

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

MOTION: by Fitzgerald, seconded by Wood to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2011 Board of Education Special Meeting.

Ms. Coffey reminded the Board that at this meeting it made the decision to unanimously ratify the MAESS contract.

AYES: Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Meier, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

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10. Action Item: Madison Public Schools Code of Conduct for 2011-2012.

MOTION: by Fitzgerald, seconded by Meier to approve the Madison Public Schools Code of Conduct for 2011-2012.

Ms. Frey noted that there were no changes to the Code of Conduct from last year. Mr. Klein stated that the recommendation follows the annual review by Attorney Brochu, who advised that no changes were required. Mr. Klein stated that it is a very good document, and as it has evolved it has only gotten better and better.

AYES: Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Meier, Wood  
NAYS: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

11. Action Item: Donation in the amount of \$1,340 to J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School to fund field trips for kindergarten students.

MOTION: by Meier, seconded by Wood to approve the donation in the amount of \$1,340 to J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School to fund field trips for kindergarten students.

AYES: Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Meier, Wood  
NAYS: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

12. Action Item: Request for removal of Used Books and Equipment.

MOTION: by Meier, seconded by Frey to approve the request for removal of used books and equipment.

AYES: Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Meier, Wood  
NAYS: None  
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

13. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

14. New Business

No new business was discussed.

15. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Klein noted that a very general schedule for 2011-2012 has already been developed and items for discussion and presentations can be added as the year progresses.

16. Meetings of Importance

Ms. Coffey referred to the list of upcoming meetings on the agenda.

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17. Adjournment

MOTION: by Wood seconded by Meier to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

AYES: Coffey, Fitzgerald, Frey, Meier, Wood

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Submitted for approval at the July 19, 2011 Board of Education Meeting  
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