

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2009 7:30 PM Eastern

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. Recognition of Retiree: Dr. Paul J. Sinicrope, Principal, Kathleen H. Ryerson Elementary School - 23 Years of Service
 - III.A. Retiree Reception
- IV. School / Community Recognition
 - IV.A. Recognition: Board of Education Student Representatives; Thomas Presti and Anna Balakrishnan
 - IV.B. Public Participation
- V. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report
- VI. Superintendent's Report
 - VI.A. Enrollment Projection: 2009-2010 School Year
 - VI.B. Food Services: Update on Food Services Contract and Healthy Snacks Program
- VII. Board Members' Comments
- VIII. Board Committees / Liaison Updates
 - VIII.A. Planning Committee
 - VIII.B. Personnel Committee
 - VIII.C. Policy Committee
 - VIII.C.1. Policy #4116, Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco - Second Revision Reading
 - VIII.C.2. Policy #5090.7, Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, Inhalants and Performance Enhancing Substances - Second Revision Reading
 - VIII.D. Finance Committee
 - VIII.E. Community Outreach Committee
 - VIII.F. LEARN Liaison
- IX. Audience Response to Information Presented
- X. Consent Agenda (10.1 - 10.3) (Ref. Bylaw #9540.2 and #9540.8)
 - X.A. Bills Payable: \$81,976.64
 - X.B. Line Transfers: \$80,326.35
 - X.C. Budget Expenditure Report as of May 28, 2009
- XI. Action Item: Minutes May 19, 2009 Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.8)
- XII. Action Item: Minutes of May 26, 2009 Special Meeting (Ref. Bylaw #9540.8)
- XIII. Action Item: Food Service Agreement with Chartwells, Inc. (Ref. Policy #3542.1 and Bylaw #9540.8)
- XIV. Action Item: State of Connecticut's Healthy Snack Certification Program (Ref. Policy #3542.1; Bylaw #9540.8)
- XV. Old Business
- XVI. New Business

XVII. Future Agenda Items

XVIII. Meetings of Importance

XVIII.A. June 3, 2009; Planning Committee Meeting; 7:30 a.m., Central Office Room B

XVIII.B. June 10, 2009; Planning Committee Meeting; 7:30 a.m., Central Office Room B

XVIII.C. June 16, 2009; Policy Committee Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Central Office Room B

XVIII.D. June 16, 2009; Board of Education Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Town Campus Hammonasset Room

XIX. 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 19, 2009
Town Campus

Meeting Minutes

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Hale at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Bill Clorite; John Dean; Debra Frey; Harriet Gowanlock; Robert Hale; Robert Ruggiero; 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 Clorite, seconded by Frey to enter Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues.

AYES: Clorite, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale, Ruggiero, Sellers

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Personnel matters involving confidential issues were discussed.

Legal issues were discussed.

MOTION: by Ruggiero seconded by Dean to adjourn Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

AYES: Clorite, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale, Ruggiero, Sellers

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

The public session of the Board of Education meeting was called to order by Chairman Hale at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bill Clorite; John Dean; Debra Frey; Harriet Gowanlock; Robert Hale; Robert Ruggiero; Holly Sellers

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

Chairman Hale requested a moment of silence to honor the memory of Ms. Ginny Conniff, who was a long time member of the Madison Board of Education.

3. School / Community Session

3.1. Daniel Hand High School Girls' Soccer Team - *National Soccer Association Team Academic Award*

Superintendent Klein announced that the Daniel Hand High School Girls' Soccer Team is the recipient of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award. This is the second consecutive year that they have received this prestigious award. Mr. Klein explained that to qualify for the NSCAA Academic Award, a team must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 for the entire academic year. The team GPA is determined by averaging the GPA of all players on the team; the Daniel Hand Girls' Soccer Team maintained a very impressive 3.49 average GPA. Mr. Klein then introduced the Girls' Varsity Head Soccer Coach, Bob Faulkner.

Mr. Faulkner was joined by Coach Anthony Mancini, as well as three members of the team: Senior Captain Taya Richardson, Senior Carli Reichelt and Sophomore Laura Brink. Mr. Faulkner expressed how proud he was of these girls, and all the girls on the team for their hard work both on and off the field. They had a great season, finishing first in the SCC Hammonasset Division "League Champions", and were the SCC Tournament Champions this year. He stated that this group was a classic example of what it means to be a team of outstanding student athletes.

Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Mancini and the members of the team were presented with a Certificate of Achievement for the Daniel Hand Girls' Soccer Team signed by Mr. Klein and Chairman Hale.

3.2. Public Participation

None at this time.

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

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

Night of Songs is taking place tonight at 7:30, where student singers share their talents with the rest of the school.

AP Testing is over, and students are relieved and happy to relax after these tests.

The Senior Prom is coming up on June 6th and seniors are busy getting their seating arrangements figured out.

The Senior Picnic is this Thursday, May 21st and all seniors are excited and looking forward to this day.

The Underclassmen Awards Ceremony is also on Thursday the 21st where students will be recognized for all their hard work.

5. Superintendent's Report

5.1. Update: 2009-2010 Enrollment Projection

Mr. Klein reported that enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year is at 3,579 as of 4:00 p.m. today. The ADS projection is 3,630 so the differential is only 51 students; the margin continues to lessen. Kindergarten enrollment is at 147 and the ADS projection is 174. Enrollments have picked up recently and are expected to continue right through the summer as is the norm.

6. Board Member Comments

Chairman Hale reminded the Board of the Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th. The meeting will begin at 5:30 and the topic of discussion will be Goals of the Board. They will then adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

7. Reports from Board Committees / Liaisons

7.1. Planning Committee

Ms. Frey stated that the Committee had met last Wednesday, and has another meeting scheduled for next Wednesday. The only new item to report to the Board was that the Planning Committee was joined at their last meeting by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Richardson, Chairpersons of the Nite in Hand Committee. They wanted to discuss storage and work space issues they are encountering. The Committee is looking for both short term and long term solutions and hopes to have options to present to Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Richardson.

7.2. Personnel Committee

Mr. Dean reported that the third negotiation meeting with the Teamsters Union was held last week, with Attorney Don Houston participating. The next negotiation meeting is scheduled for May 21st so they are tracking along nicely to June 30th, the date the contract expires.

7.3. Policy Committee

7.3.1 Policy #5060.1.2, Nonresidents - Third Revision Reading

7.3.2 Policy #4116, Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco – First Revision Reading

7.3.3 Policy #5090.7, Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, Inhalants and Performance Enhancing Substances – First Revision Reading

Ms. Gowanlock stated that the Committee had met prior to the Board meeting and directed the Board to the three policies on tonight's agenda. Policy #5060.1.2, Non-Residents, is on for final reading and approval.

Policy #4116, Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco (for personnel) and 5090.7, Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, Inhalants and Performance-Enhancing Substances (for students) are on for first revision readings. These policies have been revised to consolidate and streamline existing policies. Ms. Gowanlock asked the Board to kindly review them so they can be moved along and approved at the June 16th Board of Education meeting. This will allow for the printing over the summer of the Code of Conduct and Student Handbooks for timely distribution at the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

Ms. Frey commented that at first blush there are not substantive changes to these policies, just that separate but related policies have been combined. Ms. Gowanlock stated that the new policies will be more user friendly.

7.4. Finance Committee

Ms. Coffey was not present. Chairman Hale stated that the Committee met last week to review the status of the current year's budget. The district is in good shape to finish out the fiscal year in the black.

7.5. Community Outreach Committee

No report.

7.6. LEARN Liaison

Mr. Dean reported that at the May 14th meeting, they took a 'field trip' to see the New London Regional Multicultural Magnet School. Mr. Dean explained that this is a K-5 school with approximately 500 students who are chosen by lottery. It is a Sheff vs. O'Neil school; the state pays 75% and the community pays the remaining 25% of the operating costs and it allows students from the suburbs to attend a diverse multi racial school with students from urban areas. He stated that it is housed in an old high school that has been rehabilitated and includes an addition; it is a beautiful site and the students he saw looked very happy and engaged.

8. Audience Response to Information Presented

None at this time.

9. Consent Agenda

9.1. Bills Payable: \$303,226.06

9.2. Line Transfers: \$212,174.82

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

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

AYES: Clorite, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale, Ruggiero, Sellers

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Atty. Sellers commented on the generous donation from the Madison Youth Basketball Association and offered her thanks on behalf of the Board.

10. Action Item: Minutes of May 5, 2009 Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: by Frey, seconded by Dean to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Ruggiero

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

11. Action Item: Revised Policy #5060.1.2, Non Residents

MOTION: To approved the revisions to Policy #5060.1.2, Non-Residents.

MOTION: by the Policy Committee to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

AYES: Clorite, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale, Ruggiero, Sellers

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

12. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

13. New Business

No new business was discussed.

14. Future Agenda Items

15. Meetings of importance.

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

16. Adjournment

MOTION: by Dean, seconded by Ruggiero to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

AYES: Clorite, Dean, Frey, Gowanlock, Hale, Ruggiero, Sellers

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Submitted for approval at the 06/02/09 Board of Education Meeting
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**Board of Education
Special Meeting
May 26, 2009
Town Campus Hammonasset Room**

Meeting Minutes

1. The special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairman Robert Hale at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Bill Clorite; Becky Coffey; Debra Frey; Harriet Gowanlock; Robert Hale; Holly Sellers

Also present: David J. Klein, Superintendent

2. Chairman Hale asked that item two on the agenda be passed at this time and that the Board move to item three; hearing no objection, agenda item three was next considered by the Board.

MOTION: by Coffey, seconded by Frey to move into Executive Session at 5:46 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Personnel matters were discussed.

Atty. Klaskin entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Ruggiero entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

MOTION: by Frey, seconded by Klaskin to adjourn Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

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

NAYES: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

3. The Board agreed to table agenda item two to a future Board meeting.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: by Coffey, seconded by Clorite to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Submitted for approval at the 06/02/09 Board of Education Meeting