

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 2, 2010 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.
- III. School Community Session- 7:30 p.m.
  - III.A. Recognition: Participants in the 3rd Annual Nutmeg Bowl: IAS: Payton Bartz; Emily Clorite, 1st Place; Dorritt Sampson; KHR: Liam Akers; Ian Frankel, Jr., 3rd Place; JMJ: Jade Chin; Christopher Hartmann; Elizabeth Howland; Alexandra Minutillo; Audra Montesi; Katherine Shaughnessy; RHB: Clare Gagliano
  - III.B. Recognition: Connecticut Board of Education Member Appreciation Month
  - III.C. Public Participation
- IV. Board of Education Student Representatives' Report
- V. Superintendent's Report
  - V.A. Enrollment Update
  - V.B. February 25, 2010 Public Hearing on the 2010-2011 Board of Education Budget
  - V.C. Report on Out of State Travel
- VI. Board Members' Comments
- VII. Board Committees / Liaison Updates
  - VII.A. Planning Committee
  - VII.B. Personnel Committee
  - VII.C. Policy Committee
  - VII.D. Finance Committee
  - VII.E. LEARN Liaison
- VIII. Audience Response to Information Presented
- IX. Consent Agenda (9.1 - 9.5) (Reference Bylaw #9540.2 and #9540.8)
  - IX.A. Bills Payable: \$539,539.51 (09-10)
  - IX.B. Line Transfers: \$19,877.76
  - IX.C. Budget Expenditure Report as of February 25, 2010
  - IX.D. Donation: \$2,779 to Island Avenue Elementary School to provide science programs for all grades through High Touch / High Tech, from the Island Avenue PTO
  - IX.E. Donation: \$6,000 to Island Avenue Elementary School for field trips, from the Island Avenue PTO
- X. Action Item: Minutes of the February 23, 2010 Board of Education Meeting
- XI. Old Business
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Future Agenda Items
- XIV. Meetings of Importance
  - XIV.A. March 3, 2010: CABE - A Day on the Hill; 8:30 a.m., Capital Avenue, Hartford

XIV.B. March 10, 2010: Planning Committee Meeting; 7:30 a.m., Central Office Room B

XIV.C. March 16, 2010: Policy Committee Meeting; 6:00 p.m., Central Office Room B

XIV.D. March 16, 2010: Board of Education Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Town Campus Hammonasset Room

XV. Adjournment

Madison Public Schools  
Board of Education Meeting  
Public Participation Form

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to facilitate a response to questions or concerns raised during the Public Participation session of the meeting, it would be helpful if you would supply the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief summary of question / concern: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit this form to the Board Clerk.

Thank you.

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Thank you.

Board of Education Meeting  
February 23, 2010  
Town Campus

Meeting Minutes

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

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

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

2. Executive Session

MOTION: by Coffey, seconded by Fitzgerald to enter Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

Mr. Ruggiero entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Personnel matters involving confidential issues were discussed.

Legal issues were discussed.

MOTION: by Clorite, seconded by Dean to adjourn Executive Session at 7:19 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 7:31 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 J. Klein, Superintendent; Anita Rutlin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; district administrators; staff; community members.

3. School / Community Session

3.1. Recognitions:

**3.1.1. Daniel Hand High School Girls' Soccer Team  
National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award**

Mr. Klein welcomed members of the Daniel Hand High School Girls' Soccer Team, along with their Head Coach, Robert Faulkner and congratulated them on receiving the NSCAA Team Academic Award for the third consecutive

year. Before Mr. Faulkner introduced his players that were present, Mr. Klein shared some of the accomplishments of the 2009 Girls' Soccer Team:

- Record of 17 wins, 1 loss and 2 ties;
- SCC Conference Champions
- SCC Tournament Champions
- Hartford Courant State Coaches Poll Ranking #10
- New Haven Register Player of the Year: Kerry Wallack
- New Haven Register Coach of the Year: Robert Faulkner
- National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Adidas – National Team Academic Award Winners: 2007, 2008 and 2009

Of particular note, Mr. Klein mentioned that the team was one of only five in Connecticut to receive this National Academic Award. Mr. Klein congratulated the members of the team and commended Mr. Faulker for his leadership. He reiterated that this was not an award for athletic prowess but for the academic achievements of the team.

Mr. Faulkner thanked Mr. Klein and the Board of Education for the recognition on behalf of his team. He stated that the girls all worked extremely hard and that he could not be more proud of them. He introduced members of the team present at the meeting: Senior Captain Becca Church and Juniors Laura Brink, Kelsey Kinnare and Mary McGinley, as well as Assistant Coach Anthony Mancini. They received a Certificate of Recognition signed by Mr. Klein and Chairperson Coffey on behalf of the entire team.

### ***3.1.2. Walter C. Polson Middle School Literary Magazine, Golden Imprints***

#### **Student Editors**

*Mikaela Bosch      Catherine Given*  
*Cory French        Becky Martone*  
*Elaina Zachos*

#### **Faculty Advisor**

*Martha Curran*

Mr. Klein next announced that the Polson Middle School Literary Magazine, Golden Imprints was ranked "Excellent" in the 2009 National Council of Teachers of English Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines. Mr. Klein introduced Polson Middle School Principal Frank Henderson. Mr. Henderson praised the students who have worked on this magazine and stated that it is an outstanding publication and a great source of pride for Polson Middle School. He commended Mrs. Martha Curran, Polson Middle School English Teacher and Faculty Advisor for Golden Imprints for her hard work and leadership. Finally, Mr. Henderson thanked the Board of Education for their support, as this magazine started out four or five years ago as an Academic Intramural. He stated that it was a perfect example of how important these intramural activities are and how successful they can be. Mr. Henderson then introduced Mrs. Curran, who gave high praise to the student editors, who were all present with the exception of Cory French. She commented on the many hours the students devoted to the magazine and stated that the students are completely responsible for the finished product and she did not touch a single page of it. She stated that while these students have all now entered Daniel Hand High School, she was extremely pleased to have been able to work with them. Mrs. Curran then introduced Mikeala Bosch, Catherine Given, Becky Martone and Elaina Zachos and they were each presented with a Certificate of Recognition signed by Mr. Klein and Ms. Coffey.

### **3.2. Public Participation**

None at this time.

### **4. Board of Education Student Representatives Report**

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

- A school wide Poetry Out Loud recitation was held on February 12<sup>th</sup>. 10<sup>th</sup> Grader Evan DeFrancesco was the winner;

- A group of business men and women from Madison and the surrounding communities visited Daniel Hand and gave a talk to prospective entrepreneurs;
- The rescheduled band concert will take place on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting;
- The Daniel Hand talent show, Show Boat, will take place Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>;
- Also this Saturday is the Penguin Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics. Daniel Hand has a team made up of students and teachers, and they've named themselves "The Salty Scoundrels";
- CAPT testing begins next week for sophomores;
- Winter sports are winding down:
  - Gymnastics won SCC's
  - Wrestling won SCC's and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in States
  - The Indoor Boys' Track Team was the State Runner Up
  - Both Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track teams qualified members for New England's and Nationals
  - The Boys' Ice Hockey Team qualified for the SCC and State Tournament.

## 5. Superintendent's Report

### 5.1 February 11, 2010 Board of Education Retreat

Mr. Klein commented on the very productive Retreat meeting and commended Ms. Coffey for putting together a successful meeting.

### 5.2 February 25, 2010 Public Hearing on the 2010-2011 Board of Education Budget

Mr. Klein next spoke about the Town meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Walter C. Polson Middle School Auditorium. At that time, First Selectmen McPherson will present the Town budget and Mr. Klein will present the Board of Education Budget to the community. He stated that this is an excellent opportunity for residents to learn about the proposed budgets and have their questions answered.

Mr. Klein next reported on the anticipated reduction in State reimbursement on the Excess Cost Share grant. He reminded the Board that the District had been expecting to receive a 77% reimbursement but have gotten word that it may increase to 84%, the equivalent of approximately \$84,000. However, he stated that there is now an anticipated reduction in reimbursement in the Educational Cost Sharing grant, amounting to approximately \$85,000. These two adjustments essentially cancel each other out; therefore, Mr. Klein stated that there will be no modifications to the budget deficit mitigation plan. Discussion followed and Ms. Dotty Bavin, Director of Fiscal Services was available to answer questions raised by members of the Board. All were in agreement that it was best not to deviate from the current mitigation plan.

## 6. Board Member Comments

Ms. Coffey thanked the members of the Board for making themselves available for the February 11<sup>th</sup> Retreat and stated that she thought it was an excellent meeting and she thinks everyone learned a lot.

Ms. Coffey next reminded everyone about the March 3<sup>rd</sup> CABA Day on the Hill event. She stressed that it is very important for Board members to make their voices heard as the legislative session continues, especially with regard to unfunded mandates and the impact of some of the legislation on the District.

Finally, Ms. Coffey asked all Board members to make an effort to attend Thursday's Town Meeting.

## 7. Reports from Board Committees / Liaisons

### 7.1. Planning Committee

Ms. Frey reported that the Committee has not met but has a meeting scheduled for the following morning. A topic on their agenda is a discussion regarding the possibility of School Resource Officers. Madison Police Chief Jack Drumm will attend the meeting for this discussion. She stressed that this is an initial discussion, and a topic the Board has not visited in several years. It will be well vetted with the Full Board and there will be an opportunity for community input before a final decision is made. The other main topics of discussion will be a proposal for a Driver's Education program at Daniel Hand High School and a future transportation contract.

## 7.2. Personnel Committee

No report.

## 7.3. Policy Committee

Atty. Klaskin stated that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting and continued their calendar discussions. There has been a minor change proposed to the previously approved 2010-2011 calendar, and he expects that the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board on this on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Atty. Klaskin also expects that the proposed 2011-2012 calendar will be put forward to the Full Board for a vote that night.

Atty. Klaskin next discussed a request by Ms. Wood at the Board Retreat for the Policy Committee to occasionally bring Policies forward at the Public Session to better inform the public and remind other Board members about the policy development process. As an example, Atty. Klaskin stated that he will plan to give a brief overview on the calendar development process at the next meeting.

## 7.4. Finance Committee

No report. Mr. Clorite also encouraged all Board members to attend Thursday's Town Meeting.

## 7.5. LEARN Liaison

No report.

## 8. Audience Response to Information Presented

None at this time.

## 9. Consent Agenda

9.1. Bills Payable: \$841.23 (08-09); \$910,178.48 (09-10)

9.2. Line Transfers: \$28,546.13

9.3. Applications for Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Program:

- Clarence Bell; Daniel Hand High School Physical Education/Health Teacher
- Carissa Connell, Island Avenue Elementary School Grade 4 Teacher
- Susan Greenvall, Daniel Hand High School Special Education Teacher

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

## 10. Action Item: Minutes of the February 2, 2010 Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Meier to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2010 Board of Education meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Ruggiero

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

11. Action Item: Minutes of the February 11, 2010 Board of Education Retreat.

MOTION: by Clorite, seconded by Frey to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2010 Board of Education Retreat

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

No future agenda items were discussed.

14. Meetings of Importance.

Ms. Coffey pointed out the list of meetings on the Board agenda.

15. Adjournment

MOTION: by Dean, seconded by Fitzgerald to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Submitted for approval at the 03/02/10 Board of Education Meeting  
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