

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2011 7:30 PM Eastern

Town Campus Hammonasset Room
10 Campus Drive
Madison, CT 06443

- I. Call to Order / Attendance
- II. School / Community Session - 7:30 p.m.
 - II.A. Public Participation
- III. Superintendent's Report
 - III.A. Enrollment Update
 - III.B. Other
- IV. Board Members' Comments
- V. Board Committees / Liaison Updates
 - V.A. Planning Committee
 - V.B. Personnel Committee
 - V.C. Policy Committee
 - V.D. Finance Committee
 - V.E. LEARN Liaison
- VI. Audience Reponse to Information Presented
- VII. Consent Agenda (7.1 - 7.3) Ref. Bylaw #9540.2 and #9540.8
 - VII.A. Bills Payable: \$56,724.64 (10-11); \$1,601,029.18
 - VII.B. Line Transfers: \$3,718.75
 - VII.C. Request for Removal of Used Books/Equipment (Ref. Policy #3260)
- VIII. Action Item: Minutes of the September 6, 2011 Board of Education Meeting
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Future Agenda Items
 - XI.A. Update: Data Teams (Anita Rutlin/Elementary Principals): TBD
- XII. Meetings of Importance
 - XII.A. September 28, 2011: Planning Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Central Office Room B
 - XII.B. October 4, 2011: Finance Committee Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Central Office Room B
 - XII.C. October 4, 2011: Board of Education Meeting; 7:30 p.m., Central Office Room B
- XIII. 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
September 6, 2011
Meeting Minutes

1. The public meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Chairperson Coffey at 7:31 p.m. Ms. Coffey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bill Clorite, Becky Coffey; Jean Fitzgerald; Debra Frey; Seth Klaskin; Robert Ruggiero; Cindy Wood

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

Ms. Meier entered the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

2. School / Community Session

2.1. Recognition:

*Travis LaPointe - Grade 5 Language Arts Teacher, Dr. Robert H. Brown Middle School
Madison Public Schools 2012 Teacher of the Year*

Ms. Coffey welcomed Madison Public Schools' 2012 Teacher of the Year, Travis LaPointe. She stated that she felt very fortunate to have been present at the district convocation to hear Mr. LaPointe speak about his life and what motivated him to become a teacher and to be a positive influence on the lives of his students. She commented that she has been to many such events and heard many speeches and this was most inspirational speech she had ever heard.

Mr. LaPointe thanked Mr. Klein, Ms. Coffey and members of the Board for this honor. He stated that he is humbled and does not see this award as a culmination of anything, as he strives to continue to grow as a teacher and as a person. He noted that he began teaching in Madison at the age of 21, and his experiences here have helped him to grow and become the man he is. He introduced his parents, Don and Betty LaPointe, and expressed his gratitude to them, as well as his brother Todd who was not present, for always supporting him. He stated that he is grateful to the entire Madison community and hopes to be teaching here for a long time.

2.2. Public Participation

None at this time.

3. Superintendent's Report

3.1. Enrollment Update

Mr. Klein reported that enrollment as of today is at 3,485; 28 students more than the ADS projection of 3,457. The bulk of the increase lies in kindergarten; there are 147 students enrolled and ADS had projected 126. Mr. Klein noted again that many of the new enrollments are associated with people renting homes in Madison.

Mr. Klein noted that today's opening of school went very well. The district was bustling with excitement and our buildings were filled with eager and motivated students and staff. Mr. Klein also remarked that he was happy to see the Madison community gain a sense of normalcy after the effects of Irene.

3.2. Overview: Teacher Evaluation Plan Renewal

Mr. Klein introduced Anita Rutlin, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment who gave a brief introduction of the project. Ms. Rutlin stated that the committee, facilitated by Ryerson School Principal Kelly Spooner, is doing a terrific job on this evolving project.

Mrs. Spooner introduced a Power Point presentation (on file) and distributed copies to members of the Board. She thanked Mr. Klein and Ms. Rutlin for their support and commitment to this work. The Steering Committee has accomplished a lot of great work so far and they will continue to look at our systems so they can align and grow with the district.

Mrs. Spooner noted that Madison's Teacher Evaluation Plan has not been renewed in 10 years. The reevaluation will lead to a positive impact on professional growth as well as better efficiency and practicality. She outlined the goals for the plan, current strengths and identified areas for revision. She explained that the Steering Committee is comprised of District Administrators, Program Coordinators, and Union Representatives, so all constituencies are well represented. Ms. Spooner also noted that a survey was conducted among all certified staff, and much of what has been identified as strengths or weaknesses in the current process by Administrators and Coordinators was echoed by the teachers.

Mrs. Spooner concluded her presentation saying that the Committee hopes to present the results of their work to the full Administrative Staff and Coordinators in late January and to the entire staff in late spring.

Ms. Coffey and the other Board members thanked Mrs. Spooner for her informative presentation.

3.2. Other

Mr. Klein had nothing further to report.

4. Board Members' Comments

Ms. Coffey noted that she was happy to finally have the school year under way.

Mr. Clorite stated that as we have already lost four days, the calendar will need to be looked at. Mr. Klein responded by saying it was premature to begin discussing the calendar, as he thought it was more important to get the first week of school completed. That said, he had planned to discuss the calendar with the Administrators at their regular meeting and will report back to the Board when they have a recommendation.

5. Reports from Board Committees / Liaisons

5.1. Planning Committee

No report at this time.

5.2. Personnel Committee

Mr. Dean reported that the first negotiations meeting with the AMA is scheduled for Monday, September 12th.

5.3. Policy Committee

The committee has not met; Atty. Klaskin noted their next meeting is scheduled for September 20th.

5.4. Finance Committee

Mr. Clorite reported that the committee met earlier this evening. The final close-out for the 2010-2011 school year went very well and they expect to return \$250,000 to the Town. The committee will request \$90,000 to add to the reserve fund previously set up for unanticipated Special Education costs.

Mr. Clorite also noted that Mr. Klein is putting together a budget outline for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 prior to his departure. Mr. Klein confirmed that he is working on the modeling of different scenarios to leave with Ms. Coffey and the Finance Committee.

5.5. LEARN Liaison

No report.

6. Audience Response to Information Presented

None at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

7.1. Bills Payable: \$30,601.25 (10-11); \$346,303.11 (11-12)

7.2. Line Transfers: \$30,224.84

7.3. Budget Expenditure Report as of September 1, 2011

MOTION: by Meier, seconded by Ruggiero to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

8. Action Item: Minutes of the August 4, 2011 Board of Education Special Meeting.

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Wood to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2011 Board of Education Special Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Dean

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

9. Action Item: Minutes of the August 16, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: by Klaskin, seconded by Wood to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011 Board of Education Meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Dean

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0

10. Old Business

Ms. Coffey stated that she would ask a member of the Board to move to go into Executive Session after the regular meeting is finished to discuss the selection of a search firm.

11. New Business

No new business was discussed.

12. Future Agenda Items

12.1. Update: Data Teams (Anita Rutlin / Elementary Principals): September 20, 2011

13. Meetings of Importance

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

14. Executive Session

At this time, Ms. Coffey asked for the Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the selection of a search firm.

MOTION: by Frey, seconded by Klaskin to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss the selection of affirm to conduct the search for a new Superintendent of Schools for the Madison Public Schools.

AYES: Clorite, Coffey, Dean, Fitzgerald, Frey, Klaskin, Meier, Ruggiero, Wood
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0

Ms. Coffey asked everyone present at the time to excuse themselves from the meeting.

MOTION: by Frey, seconded by Ruggiero to adjourn Executive Session at 8:52 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 reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

15. Meeting Adjournment

MOTION: by Dean, seconded by Wood to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

AYES: Clorite, Coffey, Dean, Fitzgerald, Frey, Klaskin, Meier, Ruggiero, Wood
NAYS: None
MOTION CARRIED: 9-0