

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Madison Central School was held on February 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Laura Billings
Mrs. Jessica Clark
Mrs. Jennifer Lavoie
Mrs. Brittany Rizzo
Ms. Jenna Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Mike Filipovich
Mr. Jona Snyder

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Jason Mitchell, Superintendent
Mr. Larry Nichols, Middle/High School Principal
Mr. Brain Latella, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Melanie Brouillette, Treasurer
Ms. Tracey Lewis, District Clerk

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Mrs. Lavoie called the meeting to order 7:03 pm.
- II. Agenda Additions
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda for This Meeting

MOTION # 1 - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Rizzo, the board moved to approve the agenda for this meeting. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

- b. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. January 12, 2021 Workshop Meeting Minutes
 - 2. January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 3. January 29, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION # 2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Billings, seconded by Mrs. Rizzo, the board moved to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 Workshop meeting, January 19, 2021 Regular meeting and the January 29, 2021 Special meeting. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

- IV. Public Forum
 - a. A moment of remembrance was held at this time in memory of the passing of a former MCS student Matthew Crovella.
 - b. A member of the community asked if teachers were getting vaccinated. Yes, several teachers have opted to get the vaccination. It is not a District job requirement. The Madison County Department of Health is working on providing 100 vaccinations per week to Madison County school employees and emergency responders.
 - c. Questions were raised about any sort of timeline to get students back into in person instruction five days a week. The students are struggling academically as well as emotionally and mentally. Yes, that is ultimately the goal. Other districts have had to hire additional staff to accommodate the guidelines for social distancing. Even if Madison hired additional staff, there are other hurdles that need to be considered. Madison is using every available space but in order to bring in more students with the current social distancing guidelines the District would need even more space. Additionally, the District does not have enough bus drivers to create additional runs to accommodate transporting more students due to the social distancing guidelines.

- d. A concern was raised that some classes are not lasting very long with remote learning. The Superintendent explained that core classes have the expectation to meet remotely or virtually for the full 40 minutes of a class period, but non-core classes may meet for a shorter time and then end the meet to allow for independent work. The District set these standards in an effort to not have students in front of a screen for the full school day each day.
- e. There was discussion of having shortened sports seasons and the fact that with limited time available that the sports seasons may also overlap.
- f. There was discussion on the percentages of COVID cases and how that impacts schools reopening.

V. Reports

a. Treasurer

1. Internal Claims Auditor's Report

MOTION # 3 - APPROVAL IF INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Rizzo, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the board moved to approve the Internal Claims Auditor's Report. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

2. Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2021

MOTION # 4 - APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Billings, seconded by Mrs. Turner, the board moved to approve the January 31, 2021 Treasurer's Report Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

3. Detail Warrants

MOTION # 5 - APPROVAL OF DETAIL WARRANTS

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the board moved to approve the Detail Warrants as follow: Warrant Number 24 - Fund A - 1/15/21 - 4 pages, Warrant Number 25 - Fund A - 1/29/21 - 3 pages, Warrant Number 9 - Fund C - 1/15/21 - 1 page, Warrant Number 10 - Fund C - 1/29/21 - 2 pages, Warrant Number 8 - Fund TA - 1/28/21 - 1 page, Warrant Number 7 - Fund TA - 1/28/21 - 4 pages, Warrant Number 6 - Fund FA21 - 1/15/21 - 1 page. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

- 4. The Financial Status Report was shared.
- 5. The Quarterly Reports for Student Activities were shared.

b. Superintendent – Information Items

- 1. Mr. Mitchell notified the board of the BOCES Annual Meeting to be held April 14, 2021. At this time it is not confirmed whether the meeting will be in person or virtual.
- 2. Mr. Mitchell shared information with the board from the Legislative Forums which covered primarily budgetary discussion.
- 3. Mr. Mitchell discussed how Wednesday Instruction would take place.
- 4. BOE Candidate information was shared.
- 5. Mr. Mitchell shared that athletics are beginning this week at Madison with drilling and physical fitness

c. Superintendent – Approval Items

- 1. Communicable Disease Public Health Emergency Continuation of Operations Plan

MOTION # 6 - APPROVAL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CONTINUATION OF OPERATIONS PLAN

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Turner, the board moved to approve the Communicable Disease Public Health Emergency Continuation of Operations Plan which is an addendum to the Emergency Response Plan. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

2. Approval to Surplus Books as per list

MOTION # 7 - APPROVAL TO SURPLUS BOOKS

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs Rizzo, the board moved to approve the surplus of books as per the list provided. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Policy Committee Report - Mrs. Rizzo shared that the Policy Committee had met and their recommendations were on the agenda for approval.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. None
- VIII. Policy
 - a. Approval and Adoption to revision to Policy # 6299 entitled "Leaves of Absence for COVID-19 Qualifying Reasons"

MOTION # 8 - APPROVAL AND ADOPTION TO REVISION TO POLICY # 6299

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Rizzo, the board moved to approve and adopt the revisions to Policy # 6299 entitled "Leaves of Absence for COVID-19 Qualifying Reasons". Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

The first readings of the following policies and regulations were done at this time.

- b. First reading of Policy # 1005 entitled "Informing Students of Community-Based Activities"
 - c. First reading of Regulation # 1005.1 entitled "Photocopying and Distribution Procedures"
 - d. First reading of Policy # 1004 entitled "School Volunteers"
 - e. First reading of Regulation # 1004.1 entitled "Volunteer Confidentiality Statement"
 - f. First reading of Policy # 1003 entitled "Visitors to the Schools"
 - g. First reading of Policy # 1002 entitled "Community Use of School Facilities"
 - h. First reading of Policy # 0040 entitled "Code of Conduct" - copy in packet includes only edits, draft policy not returned yet
- IX. Board of Education Discussion Items
 - a. None
 - X. New Business
 - a. Personnel
 1. Appointments
 - a. Drusilla Relyea - Certified Substitute Teacher effective February 9, 2021
 - b. Michelle Van Slyke - Non-Certified Substitute Teacher effective February 9, 2021
 - c. Terry Rockwell - Substitute Teacher Aide effective February 9, 2021

MOTION # 9 - APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Billings, seconded by Mrs. Turner, the board moved to approve the appointments of Drusilla Relyea as a Certified Substitute Teacher, Michelle Van Slyke as a Non Certified Substitute Teacher and Terry Rockwell as a Substitute Teacher's Aide effective February 9, 2021. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

2. Coaching Appointments
 - a. Mike Strong - Boys Varsity Basketball February 10, 2021 through March 12, 2021 with pro-rated stipend
 - b. Tariq Shah - Volunteer to Boys Varsity Basketball
 - c. Payge Miller - Girls Varsity Basketball February 10, 2021 through March 12, 2021 with pro-rated stipend
 - d. Amy Coleman - Volunteer to Girls Varsity Basketball

MOTION # 10 - APPROVAL OF COACHING APPOINTMENTS

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Rizzo, seconded by Mrs. Clark, the board moved to approve the coaching appointments of Mike Strong for Boys Varsity Basketball and Payge Miller as Girls Varsity Basketball for the period of February 10, 2021 through March 12, 2021 with a pro-rated stipend. Tariq Shah and Amy Coleman were approved as volunteers to the basketball programs for the same period. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

3. Salary Adjustments
 - a. McKenna Jones - from B3, Step 1 to B4, Step 1 \$40,197
 - b. Abigail Reilly - from B3, Step 1 to B5, Step 1 \$41,059

MOTION # 11 - APPROVAL OF SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Rizzo, the board moved to approve the salary adjustments of McKenna Jones from B3, Step 1 to B4, Step 1 at \$40,197 per year and Abigail Reilly from B3, Step 1 to B5, Step 1 at \$41,059 per year. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

- b. CSE/CPSE Recommendations – in official packet

MOTION # 12 - APPROVAL OF CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the board moved to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

- c. Principal Reports
 1. Mr. Latella shared that 48% of the elementary student body is now attending 4 days a week and 52% of the elementary student body was attending 2 days a week and will now be able to attend 3 days a week. The District is very excited about the addition of Wednesdays and the opportunities for several students to reunite with classmates that they have not been able to see in nearly a year. He also discussed the B.L.U. E. Extravaganza going on this week in the elementary along with a door decorating activity and a Friday snow sculpture activity planned.
 2. Mr. Nichols explained that in the High School the Wednesdays would be alternating and that he and Mr. Lee have been working hard to reach out to high-risk students. They continue to try to add virtual meets with students, He discussed the opportunity and highly attended homework room which is available daily both in person and virtually. He also shared that the Senior Class held a well attended sledding event in the front bowl which offered the seniors a chance to see classmates many have not seen in almost a year due to COVID-19.

XI. Correspondence

- a. The Library Media Center Monthly Report for January 2021 was shared.

XII. Question & Answer Opportunity
a. None

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION # 13 - ADJOURNMENT

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Rizzo, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the board moved to adjourn for the evening at 7:59 pm. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.