

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. Jennah 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 entitle "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.

The Budget Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education of Madison Central School was held on March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Small Gym.

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Mr. Michael Filipovich  
Mrs. Jennifer Lavoie  
Mr. Jona Snyder  
Ms. Jennah Turner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Jessica Clark  
Mrs. Brittany Rizzo

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Jason Mitchell, Superintendent  
Mr. Larry Nichols, Building Principal  
Mr. Brian Latella, Elementary Principal  
Mrs. Melanie Brouillette, Treasurer

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Mrs. Lavoie, president, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION # 1 - APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Filipovich, the board moved to approve the agenda for this meeting. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

- III. Public Forum
  - a. The Madison-Oneida BOCES Administrative Budget was presented by Mr. Budelmann and Mrs. Decker.
- IV. Budget Discussion
  - a. The board discussed the most recent information regarding revenues, tax cap and budget status in relation to developing the Madison Central 2021-22 school budget.
- V. Superintendent's Approval Items
  - a. Memorandum of Agreement dated February 11, 2021 regarding school sports

**MOTION # 2 - APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR SPORTS**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mrs. Turner, the board moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Madison Central School District and the Madison Teachers' Association dated February 11, 2021 regarding school sports. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

- b. Approval of participation in high risk interscholastic athletics effective March 1, 2021

**MOTION # 3 - APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN HIGH RISK INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mrs Billings, the board moved to approve the participation in high risk interscholastic athletics effective March 1, 2021. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

- VI. Personnel
  - a. Appointments
    - 1. Kenneth Chapman - Substitute Cleaner effective March 1, 2021

**MOTION # 4 - APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the board moved to approve the appointment of Kenneth Chapman as a Substitute Cleaner effective March 1, 2021. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

- VII. Question and Answer Opportunity
  - a. None

- VIII. Adjournment

**MOTION # 5 - ADJOURNMENT**

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

# ONEIDA-MADISON-HERKIMER COUNTIES

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### ONEIDA-MADISON-HERKIMER COUNTIES SCHOOL BOARDS INSTITUTE

#### **2021 New Board of Education Mandated Training Programs for New School Board of Education Training & Fiscal Oversight Fundamentals Training**

**Programs will be conducted over zoom. Invitations will be sent to each new school board member after the election.**

The School Boards Institute is proud to announce we shall conduct the **required Fiscal Oversight Training** for all newly elected or re-elected school board members who have not completed all modules. Every trustee or voting member of a school district board of education or BOCES, whether elected or appointed on or after July 1, 2005 must be trained. The training must be obtained within the first year of the term. Completion of training is only required once. **This training is primarily for BOE members elected May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Governor may change election date as he did by Executive order last year) and any newly appointed BOE members who have not completed the training.**

**Presenters:** Local School Board Members, School Attorney's, School Business Officials, School Superintendents, Data Analysis Specialist and CPA's

### **New School Board Training** (Training will be split into 2 parts)

#### **New School Board Training Part 1: Thursday, June 10, 2021**

- 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.: *"Check-in" through Zoom online invitation*
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.: School Board Members Rights, Risks and Responsibilities

#### **New School Board Training Part 2: Monday, June 14, 2021**

- 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.: *"Check-in" through Zoom online invitation*
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.: School Board of Education Expectations and Purpose
- School Board Policy and Board Operations
- School Board Training on Data Use for Accountability and Student Achievement

### **Fiscal Oversight Training** (Training will be split into 2 parts)

#### **Fiscal Oversight Training Part 1: Thursday, June 17, 2021**

- 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.: *"Check-in" through Zoom online invitation*
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Legal Overview
- Budget Development and Management
- School District Finance: Roles and Responsibilities

#### **Fiscal Oversight Training Part 2: Monday, June 21, 2021**

- 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.: *"Check-in" through Zoom online invitation*
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Fund Accounting and Fiscal Policy
- Financial Reporting
- Demystifying Fiscal Control, Fiduciary Responsibility and Fiscal Oversight





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### 2021 NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS Fiscal Oversight Fundamentals Training (FOT)

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Part 1: Thursday, June 17, 2021

Part 2: Monday, June 21, 2021

**Registration Fee:** Includes dinner and all materials; districts will be billed upon registration.

**\*\*\*Please note: dinner is only included if training is able to be held in-person\*\*\***

O-M-H SBI member: \$80.00 per session/part (qualifies for BOCES aid)

Non-member: \$200.00 per session/part

**To register for "Fiscal Oversight Training":**

Fill out the form and submit by email to [omhsbi@herkimer-boces.org](mailto:omhsbi@herkimer-boces.org)

Any questions, contact Charley Priola, Herkimer BOCES, School Boards Institute, at 315 - 867-2077

**\*\* REGISTER by Friday, June 11, 2021 \*\***

SCHOOL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ BOARD CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_

			<b>Part(s):</b>	
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Any questions, contact Charley Priola, Herkimer BOCES, School Boards Institute, at  
315 - 867-2077

**\*\* REGISTER by Friday, June 4, 2021 \*\***

SCHOOL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ BOARD CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_

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O-M-H SBI will sponsor this very informative and important presentation:

***"Instructional Shift: One Year into a Pandemic, lessons learned and considerations moving forward"***

**❧ Thursday, March 18, 2021 ❧**

**Program will be on Zoom (Invitation attached): Sign in 5:30 – 6:00**  
Program starts at 6:00 p. m.

**Presenters: Oneida BOCES IT Director Mr. Scott Morris and Mr. Matt Bashant**

**This workshop will provide our board members with information on:**

- The elements necessary to bridge the digital divide
- Resource implications for schools and communities
- Virtual programming options and opportunities
- Staff development opportunities for beyond the Pandemic
- Question and Answer session for interested parties

***❖NOTE: This program is open to all Board Members, Superintendents, School Business Officials and other school staff and community members who wish to attend.***



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MATTHEW C. WILLIAMS, PhD, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

March 8, 2021

Mr. Jason Mitchell, Superintendent  
Ms. Melanie Brouillette, Treasurer  
Madison Central School District  
7303 State Route 20  
Madison, New York 13402

Dear Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Brouillette:

The annual emergency go-home drill is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2021. Students will be dismissed 15 minutes early on April 1.

I will have the public information office prepare a press release by March 22. Each newspaper in the districts will receive the announcement about the emergency go-home drill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Decker  
Deputy Superintendent for Finance & Operations

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To: OMH-SBI Members  
From: Jim Van Wormer, Coordinator for Board Training  
Re: Nomination for NYSBBA Area 5 Director  
Date: 2/18/21

As you are aware NYSSBA Past President William Miller is asking your support in your nomination for the upcoming NYSSBA Area 5 Director election.

He needs to be nominated by a minimum of 5 School districts in Area 5.

If you could please consider placing his nomination on your next Board meeting Bill would appreciate your support.

As in the past the board minutes with the nomination resolution and record of approval must be sent via e-mail to: [mary.metheny@nyssba.org](mailto:mary.metheny@nyssba.org)

The nomination resolution as per past practice does not need to be overly complicated.

If you do not have a model from previous years a sample is provided below.

Resolution:

The \_\_\_\_\_ CSD nominates Mr. William Miller as the NYSSBA Area 5 Director for the next two year term effective January 1, 2022.

Aye: \_\_\_\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**18 Student Days**

## SEPTEMBER 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Supt. Conf. Day	2 Supt. Conf. Day	3
6 Labor Day	7 Classes Begin	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

**15 Student Days**

## FEBRUARY 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21 Presidents' Day	22 Mid-Winter Recess	23	24	25
28				

**19 Student Days**

## OCTOBER 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22 Supt. Conf. Day
25	26	27	28	29

**22 Student Days**

## MARCH 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18 Supt. Conf. Day
21	22	23	24	25
28	29 NYS 3-8 ELA	30	31	

**18 Student Days**

## NOVEMBER 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24 Thanksgiving Recess	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Thanksgiving Recess
29	30			

**15 Student Days**

## APRIL 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 NYS 3-8 ELA
4 NYS 3-8 ELA	5	6	7	8
11 Spring Recess	12	13	14	15
18 Spring Recess	19	20	21	22
25	26 NYS 3-8 Math	27	28	29

**16 Student Days**

## DECEMBER 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23 Winter Recess	24
27 Winter Recess	28	29	30	31

**21 Student Days**

## MAY 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 NYS 3-8 Math	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30 Memorial Day	31			

**20 Student Days**

## JANUARY 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Classes Resume	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17 ML King Jr. Day	18	19	20	21
24	25 Regents Exams	26	27	28
31				

**17 Student Days**

## JUNE 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2	3
6 NYS 8 Science	7	8	9	10
13	14	15 Regents Exams	16	17
20 Juneteenth	21 Regents Exams	22	23	24 Regents Rating Day
27	28	29	30	

Superintendent's Conference Days  
9/1, 9/2 • 10/22 • 3/18

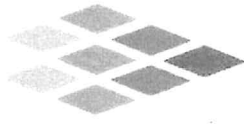
Regents/Testing Days  
1/25-28 • 3/29-31 • 4/1-5 • 5/2-4 • 6/6, 6/15-23

### Recess/Vacation Days

September 6..... Labor Day  
October 11..... Columbus Day  
November 11..... Veterans' Day  
November 24-26..... Thanksgiving Recess  
December 23-31..... Winter Recess  
January 17..... Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
February 21-25..... Mid-Winter Recess  
April 11-18..... Spring Recess  
May 30..... Memorial Day  
June 20..... Juneteenth

### STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS • 181


September..... 18 days  
October..... 19 days  
November..... 16 days  
December..... 16 days  
January..... 20 days  
February..... 15 days  
March..... 22 days  
April..... 15 days  
May..... 21 days  
June..... 17 days



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**TO:** Ravo Root                      Kathy Davis  
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Bill Dowsland                    Susan Vickers  
Jason Mitchell                   Martha Group  
Greg Molloy                      Joyce Long

**FROM:** Matt Williams, PhD   
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

**DATE:** March 10, 2021

**RE:** Recommended BOCES Campus Half Days 2021-22

The 2021-22 Madison-Oneida BOCES early dismissal half days for **campus based programs** are as follows:

October 21  
December 3  
February 4  
April 20

The early dismissal is for BOCES Spring Road campus based programs only, to include Special Education and CTE. Dismissal time is 11:00-11:15 a.m. to coincide with the normal CTE dismissal time.

Please be sure to share these dates with your principals and transportation directors.

Please note: students attending BOCES programs housed in VVS buildings (McAllister, JD George, VVS MS/HS) will follow the VVS school calendar on these dates.

As always, thank you for your support. Please call with any questions.

C.            S. Budelmann    E. Noto            O. Maranville  
              J. Weaver        P. Helmer        A. Hopkins  
              K. Allen           R. Helmer        G. Calabro





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## Privileged and Confidential

Jason Mitchell  
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**Re: Rates for Legal Services: School Year 2021-22**

Dear Jason:

To facilitate your financial planning, we write to advise you that our hourly rates for associates, of counsel and senior counsel attorney services for the 2021-2022 school year will remain the same as they are for the current 2020-21 school year (\$165 per hour to \$215). As we have held our rates steady since the 2018-19 school year, we are increasing our billing rate for partners for the 2021-22 school year, from \$215 to \$220 per hour. The rate for paralegals is \$100 per hour.

We hope that the modest increase for partners while holding other fees within our current range will assist you in meeting the fiscal challenges of the upcoming year. We will continue our practice of sending monthly invoices which detail the attorney working on a matter, the time spent, a description of the services rendered, and any disbursements incurred on your behalf. We have included additional information about our rates in the enclosed statement of general Terms and Conditions that apply to our working relationship. Also enclosed is a Statement of Client's Rights and Responsibilities. In furtherance of Education Law 2-d requirements, enclosed is a copy of your Parent's Bill of Rights, the firm's Parent's Bill of Rights – Supplemental Information Addendum, and Data Security and Privacy Plan.

Our Firm remains dedicated to the professional mission of representing the interests of public education. We are completing our twenty-sixth year of providing representation and counsel to school districts and BOCES, and are proud of the depth and breadth of our Firm's education law experience, which allows us to serve you efficiently and effectively. We value our



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work with the Madison Central School District and we will continue to work to ensure that your District receives the reliable, accurate and prompt legal services we are proud to provide.

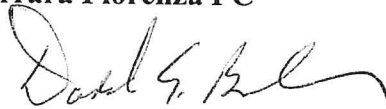
I am designated within the Firm as the responsible and billing attorney for your District. This means that I have primary responsibility for all of your District's legal issues and am available to answer any questions you may have regarding our services. That is not to say that I must be contacted regarding every legal issue. One of our Firm's strongest attributes is that many of us have niche areas of experience in the often highly complex or regulated areas of law that school districts and BOCES regularly encounter. You no doubt already have working relationships with attorneys in our office. We encourage you to continue to contact those attorneys directly for any assistance that you need. We have an internal process to keep the responsible attorney apprised of each of your School District matters. Should you ever have a question about a matter we are working on for you or any aspect of our representation, please do not hesitate to call.

We hope that you and your colleagues at the District will join us at our annual School Law Conference which will be held this year on **Thursday, July 29, 2021**. More information will follow but, for now, please save the date for this informative briefing on critical issues impacting our school district and BOCES clients.

Thank you for the continued confidence in our Firm's service as counsel to the District. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the terms and conditions regarding the provision of legal services, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

**Ferrara Fiorenza PC**



Donald E. Budmen

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Enclosures

cc: Melanie Brouillette, Business Manager/Treasurer (w/encls.)

# Madison Central School Library Media Center

## February Monthly Report

### February 2021

Total number of material borrowed or renewed: 313  
Number of instructional days (counting remote days): 15

### *High School*

Total number of 7th - 12th graders utilizing the library: 13  
(this total does not include the students who used the library as a class)

Also have 1 Study Hall in the library with a total of 13 students and assigned two large studyhalls housed in the small gym.

### *Elementary*

#### **Book Check Out Procedures**

We continue our safe practices in the library when it comes to borrowing and returning books. When students enter the library, I scan their book into a quarantine bin and then the students place their books in that designated bin. The books are then kept in quarantine till the following week. Prior to book borrow, the students use hand sanitizer. We have kept the general rule that if they open the book that is the book they borrow for the week. Students have done an excellent job following the rules. They have adjusted easily when I move the quarantine bins or change something slightly.

#### **Kindergarten**

We started our unit of fiction/non fiction books. For each group of books, we try to stick with a certain animal. We started with otters. We discuss the different books and why fiction is a made up story.

Read - *Oscar Otter* by Nathaniel Benchley, *Sea Otter Rescue* by Suzi Eszterhas, *If you take away the otter* by Susannah Buhrman-Deever

Vocabulary: book care, front cover, back cover, spine, call number, fiction, non-fiction

#### **1st Grade**

Every year in 1st grade we focus on author units. For the month of February we concentrated on Ben Clanton who is most famous for Narwhal books. There is a very catchy song in the first book that we will continue to work on for the remainder of the year.

Read - Narwhal series by Ben Clanton

Vocabulary: author, illustrator, book care, front cover, back cover, spine, call number

## **2nd Grade**

For this month, we started our African folktales and more specifically Anansi stories. Students will also watch a cartoon version of Anansi to compare to the books.

Read - *Anansi does the impossible!: an Ashanti Tale* by Verna Aardema, *Anansi and the Magic Stick* by Eric Kimmel, *Anansi and the Talking Melon* by Eric Kimmel

Vocabulary: author, title, lesson/morale of story, folktale, compare, contrast

## **3rd Grade**

In the classroom, students started working on a biography unit. To help, we read a book about Black History and after break worked on reading a few annotated biographies about women who changed history and persisted. Following these readings, students will work on researching through the library databases to find information.

Read- *Undefeated* by Kwame Alexander, *She Persisted 13 American women who changed the world* by Chelsea Clinton, *She Persisted 13 women who changed history* by Chelsea Clinton

Vocabulary: biography, autobiography

## **4th Grade**

We continued to read a historical fiction book. As a class we worked on pulling historical information from the book to research. To start, we used the historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Neil Armstrong, Nat Love, and Buzz Aldrin.

Read - *Time Twisters Nat Love and Neil Armstrong Space Cowboys* by Steve Sheinkin

Vocabulary: historical fiction, history, library database

## **5th Grade**

The 5th grade students are in the process of starting their fantasy book clubs. To help and give students a choice, I created a virtual book tasting for students to sample various levels of fantasy books. Students then got to choose their top 3 choices out of those books to help the teachers put them into groups.

Vocabulary - Fantasy, book tasting

## **Author Visit**

We have secured a virtual author visit for March 31st. His name is Jarrett Lerner. He is an author and illustrator. During the pandemic, he provided various free activities for families to print out and complete and has published an activity book and more on the way. I am working with the Colgate Bookstore to provide a way for families to purchase books and Mr. Lerner will send bookplates for kids to put in their books.

## **Rotary Meetings**

I have continued to meet weekly via Zoom or in person at Solsville Hotel with the Oriskany Falls Rotary Club. I also attended a training through Rotary Institute that helped to provide some other collaboration opportunities between the school and the club.

### **Summer Reading**

It is already time to set up Summer Reading. I met with the events coordinator at Hamilton Public Library. Instead of having the Summer Reading at the school, we are going to plan on having it at the pavilions at Madison Lake. I am in the process of reserving the pavilion that the Rotary Club sponsored. It will be a 5 week program starting when we anticipate Summer school starts till the first week of August on Tuesdays. Like previously, there will be themed weeks with fun activities and of course books!

### **Library Club (Afterschool virtual)**

Since the middle of December, I have been meeting with a group of students who are interested in reading a book aloud. I have chosen two books. On Tuesdays, I read Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by JK Rowling and on Thursdays, I read The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. We read about a chapter or 15 pages a week. So far, the students have really enjoyed both books. I purchased a pop up version of the Harry Potter book which I put under my document camera so the students can enjoy all the beautiful illustrations.

### **Among Us Club (Afterschool virtual)**

Before our February break, I started to meet with students virtually to play Among Us. The students are required to be on a Google Meet with me and then have a second device to play the actual game. The students have had a blast so far. I anticipate doing this after school until the weather is consistently warm but would love to continue providing something like this every winter for students.

### **SORA (ebooks platform)**

Students continue to use the SORA platform either in the classroom or outside of school. We are hoping to connect with our Public library system, Mid-York in the future so students will have even more books available to them without having to get a library card.

### **Library Upkeep**

This month we have added 35 books.

Our most circulated title was [A Big Guy Took my Ball](#) by Mo Willems.

We continued to add to the Imagination Library registration of Madison pre-school children.

I want to thank you for your continued support for not only the school library but for all of us who work for Madison Central.

Nicole Bodner  
Madison Library Media Specialist