

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Madison Central School was held on August 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Laura Billings
Ms. Jessica Clark
Mr. Michael Filipovich
Mrs. Jennifer Lavoie
Mrs. Brittany Rizzo
Mr. Jona Snyder
Ms. Jennah Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Jason Mitchell, Superintendent
Mr. Larry Nichols, Building Principal
Mr. Brian Latella, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Melanie Brouillette, Treasurer
Ms. Tracey Lewis, District Clerk

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Mrs. Lavoie, president, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Agenda Additions
 - a. None
- III. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda for This Meeting

MOTION # 1 - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Rizzo, the board moved to approve the agenda for this meeting. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

- b. Approval of Minutes
 1. July 7, 2020 Reorganizational Meeting Minutes
 2. July 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION # 2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the board moved to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2020 Reorganizational and Regular Meetings. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

- IV. Public Forum
 - a. None
- V. Reports
 - a. Treasurer
 1. Internal Claims Auditor's Report - not available prior to meeting
 2. Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2020

MOTION # 3 - APPROVAL OF JUNE 30, 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the board moved to approve the June 30, 2020 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

3. Treasurer's Report dated July 31, 2020

MOTION # 4 - APPROVAL OF JULY 31, 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Rizzo, the board moved to approve the July 31, 2020 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

4. Detail Warrants

MOTION # 5- APPROVAL OF DETAIL WARRANTS

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the board moved to approve the Detail Warrants as follow: Warrant Number 44 - Fund A - 6/2/20 - 6 pages, Warrant Number 45 - Fund A - 6/5/20 - 1 page, Warrant Number 46 - Fund A - 6/22/20 - 4 pages, Warrant Number 47 - Fund A - 6/24/20 - 3 pages, Warrant Number 48 - Fund A - 6/24/20 - 1 page, Warrant Number 49 - Fund A - 7/14/20 - 1 page, Warrant Number 50 - Fund A - 7/10/20 - 4 pages, Warrant Number 25 - Fund C - 6/5/20 - 1 page, Warrant Number 26 - Fund C - 6/22/20 - 2 pages, Warrant Number 27 - Fund C - 7/10/20 - 1 page, Warrant Number 14 - Fund TA - 7/14/20 - 4 pages, Warrant Number 15 - Fund TA - 6/23/20 - 3 pages, Warrant Number 16 - Fund TA - 6/22/20 - 4 pages, Warrant Number 17 - Fund TA - 6/24/20 - 1 page, Warrant Number 21 - Fund FA20 - 6/5/20 - 1 page, Warrant Number 22 - Fund FA20 - 6/22/20 - 1 page, Warrant Number 23 - Fund FA20 - 7/10/20 - 1 page, Warrant Number 2 - Fund A - 7/20/20 - 3 page, Warrant Number 1 - Fund TA - 8/10/20 - 3 pages. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

5. The 2019-20 Fund Balance Worksheet was shared with the board.

b. Superintendent – Information Items

1. Mr. Mitchell discussed the Reopening Plan at length. He noted that 87% of the student population responded to the survey (approximately 400 students) stating the students would return to the building and 13% (approximately 60 students) opted for fully remote learning. There will be approximately 200 students in each of the cohorts (blue and white) and the majority of the parents opted to transport their own children to and from school. Approximately 70 people attended the parent information nights. There will be a faculty and staff Q & A on Thursday at 3 pm. He thanked the Reopening Committee and the leadership team for all the hard work in making this plan detailed and successful.
2. Mr. Mitchell discussed the disputed property line and that it was determined that the property in question was indeed in the Madison Central School District boundaries and the board is not interested in relinquishing this property to another district.
3. Mr. Mitchell notified the board that the bus routes have had some changes for 2020-21 to make them more efficient and to accommodate the many adjustments due to the COVID-19 guidelines.
4. The School Boards Institute Calendar of Events for 2020-21 was shared.

c. Superintendent – Approval Items

1. Approval of 2020-21 Student Handbook

MOTION # 6 - APPROVAL OF THE 2020-21 STUDENT HANDBOOK

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the board moved to approve the 2020-21 Student Handbook. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

2. Approval to increase school lunch prices to \$2.05 for grades K-6 \$2.30 for grades 7-12 for the 2020-2021 school year

MOTION # 7 - APPROVAL OF SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE INCREASES

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the board moved to approve the school lunch price increases to \$2.05 for grades K-6 and to \$2.30 for grades 7-12. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

3. Acceptance of donation of guitar from Jill Nilles

MOTION # 8 - ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF GUITAR

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mrs. Rizzo, accepted the donation of a guitar from Jill Nilles with many thanks. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

4. Approval of Resolution in board packet to temporarily suspend any Board policy or administrative regulation/procedure that conflicts with any current or future federal, state, or county law, regulation, executive order, or guidance released for the purpose of reopening of schools during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic and authorization of the Superintendent of Schools to follow federal, state, or county laws, regulations, executive orders, or guidance and to take such action as reasonably necessary and proper for the purpose of reopening of schools

MOTION # 9 - APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND BOARD POLICY

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Filipovich, the board moved to approve the resolution to temporarily suspend any Board policy or administrative regulation/procedure that conflicts with any current or future federal, state, or county law, regulation, executive order, or guidance released for the purpose of reopening of schools during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic and authorization of the Superintendent of Schools to follow federal, state, or county laws, regulations, executive orders, or guidance and to take such action as reasonably necessary and proper for the purpose of reopening of schools. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

5. Approval of the District Wide Safety Plan

MOTION # 10 - APPROVAL OF DISTRICT WIDE SAFETY PLAN

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the board moved to approve the District Wide Safety Plan. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

6. Approval of Transfers as provided

MOTION # 11 - APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Filipovich, the board moved to approve the transfers as provided. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

7. Approval of 2020-21 Tax Levy

MOTION # 12 - APPROVAL OF 2020-21 TAX LEVY

ON THE MOTION Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Rizzo, the board moved to approve the 2020-21 Tax Levy. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

8. Approval of creation of Jack tenHope Memorial Scholarship

MOTION # 13 - APPROVAL OF CREATION OF JACK TENHOPE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Rizzo, seconded by Mr. Filipovich, the board moved to approve the creation of the Jack TenHope Memorial Scholarship. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no. The board wished to thank Mr. TenHope and his family for the many years of dedicated service to the Madison Central School District. He is remembered fondly here at MCS.

9. Approval of Non Resident Students

MOTION # 14 - APPROVAL OF NON RESIDENT STUDENTS

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Rizzo, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the board moved to approve the Non-Resident Student applications as listed below:

- a. Student entering Kindergarten
- b. Student entering 3rd grade
- c. Two students entering 4th grade
- d. Student entering 8th grade
- e. Student entering 9th grade
- f. Student entering 10th grade
- g. Two students entering 12th grade

Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

10. Approval of Reopening Plan

MOTION # 15 - APPROVAL OF REOPENING PLAN

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Rizzo, the board moved to approve the Reopening Plan. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

11. Approval of Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1

MOTION # 16 - APPROVAL OF RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE LGS-1

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the board moved to approve the Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

12. Approval of revised 2020-21 Madison Central School Calendar

MOTION # 17 - APPROVAL OF REVISED 2020-21 SCHOOL CALENDAR

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the board moved to approve the revised 2020-21 Madison Central School District Calendar. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

- VI. Policy
 - a. None

- VII. Old Business
 - a. None

- VIII. Board of Education Discussion Items
 - a. Thank you to Mr. Jim Mitchell for his many years of dedicated service to the Board of Education and all his leadership experience.
 - b. A conversation was held regarding ways to get more CDL licensed drivers in the district and whether the district should consider paying for the training and cost of such license to entice members of our staff to become licensed drivers to assist our bus driving department in having back up drivers available when necessary.
 - c. It was noted that the Bus Garage bays need to be cleared out and ready for buses to be able to pull in and disinfect and sanitize when the weather becomes colder for the convenience of our drivers and safety of all those in contact with the buses.

IX.

- X. New Business
 - a. Personnel
 - 1. Appointments
 - a. Maria Peavey - Summer Student Helper effective July 21, 2020
 - b. Robert Eastman - Cleaner effective September 1, 2020 as per contract

MOTION # 18 - APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Filipovich, the board moved to approve Maria Peavey as a Student Helper effective July 21, 2020 and Robert Eastman as a Cleaner effective September 1, 2020 as per contract. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

- 2. Additional Advisor Appointment
 - a. Jessica Mortensen - Detention Monitor

MOTION # 19 - APPROVAL OF JESSICA MORTENSEN AS DETENTION MONITOR

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mr. Filipovich, the board moved to approve Jessica Mortensen as an additional Detention Monitor. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

- 3. Mentors for the 2020-2021 school year as per recommendation letter
 - a. Amanda Hinman for Abigail Reilly
 - b. Maxine Thurston for McKenna Jones
 - c. Tina Bergeron for Sara Kitchen
 - d. Ryan Hobart for Kelly Allaire
 - e. Jon Silkowski for MacKenzie Elliott

MOTION # 20 - APPROVAL OF MENTORS

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mrs. Rizzo, the board moved to approve the list of Mentors for the 2020-21 school year as listed above with the salary for each as per the recommendation letter. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

- b. CSE/CPSE Recommendations – in official packet

MOTION # 21 - APPROVAL OF CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mr. Filipovich, the board moved to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations as provided in the official packet, Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

- c. Principal Reports

- 1. Mr. Latella shared that teaching staff for grades PreK, K, 1, 3 and 4 have met and that grades 2 and 5 will be meeting this week to further discuss plans for the new school year. He discussed the two cohorts and how remote learning would work as well as the possibility of being able to offer four days a week to some special education students depending on class and cohort sizes. He shared that one teacher will be teaching fully remote this year. He shared that he is working with OT scheduling and working on adjusting specials so that both cohorts are able to benefit from PE, Art, Library and Music within the hybrid schedule.
- 2. Mr. Nichols discussed completed and upcoming professional development. He shared that 6th grade orientation is being planned and that it will be a split event dividing the grade into groups for the orientation. He discussed the change in the use of lockers for the storage of coats and boots and the use of backpacks. Mr. Lee has been working hard to develop schedules that work with the two cohorts and Distance Learning opportunities are still planned but are also contingent upon the school offering those programs and changes made on the provider's side affect our ability to take advantage of such offerings. Every attempt will be made to continue to offer our students as much as possible.

- XI. Correspondence
 - a. None
- XII. Question & Answer Opportunity
 - a. School Reopening - No members of the audience had questions at this time.
- XIII. Enter Executive Session and appoint temporary clerk for executive session
 - a. To discuss matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed. (public safety matter)

MOTION # 22 - APPROVAL TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the board moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 pm with Mrs. Rizzo acting as temporary clerk to discuss matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed. (public safety matter). It was noted that this is not COVID-19 related. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

- XIV. Adjourn Executive Session

MOTION # 23 - ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Filipovich, the board moved to adjourn Executive Session at 8:52 pm. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

- XV. Adjournment

MOTION # 24 - ADJOURNMENT

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Filipovich, seconded by Mrs. Clark, the board moved to adjourn for the evening at 8:52 pm. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.