

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Madison Central School was held on January 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the auditorium.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Tobias Abrams  
Mrs. Laura Billings  
Ms. Jessica Clark  
Mr. Brett Reiter  
Mr. Jona Snyder  
Ms. Jennah Turner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Jennifer Lavoie

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

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Mr. Snyder, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
- II. Agenda Additions
- III. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approval of Agenda for this meeting

**MOTION # 1 - APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Billings, seconded by Ms. Turner, the Board moved to approve the agenda for this meeting. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

- b. Approval of Minutes
  1. December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION # 2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Reiter, seconded by Ms. Turner, the Board moved to approve the December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

- IV. Public Forum
  - a. A presentation on the Math Curriculum review was shared by Mrs. Barton and Mr. Latella.
- V. Reports
  - a. Treasurer
    1. Internal Claims Auditor's Report

**MOTION # 3 - APPROVAL OF INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT**

ON THE MOTION of Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Turner, the Board moved to approve the Internal Claims Auditor's Report. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

2. Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2023

**MOTION # 4 - APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

ON THE MOTION of Ms. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the Board moved to approve the December 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

3. Detail Warrants

**MOTION # 5 - APPROVAL OF DETAIL WARRANTS**

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Billings, seconded by Ms. Clark, the Board moved to approve the Detail Warrants as follow: Warrant Number 28 - Fund A - 01/03/2024 - 4 pages, Warrant Number 30 - Fund A - 12/01/2023 - 7 pages, Warrant Number 31 - Fund A - 12/08/2023 - 5 pages, Warrant Number 32 - Fund A - 12/18/2023 - 5 pages, Warrant Number 12 - Fund C - 12/08/2023 - 2 page, Warrant Number 13 - Fund C - 12/18/2023 - 1 page, Warrant Number 9 - Fund HBUS - 12/18/2023 - 1 page, Warrant Number 9 - Fund FA24 - 12/08/2023 - 1 page, Warrant Number 10 - Fund FA24 - 12/18/2023 - 2 pages. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

4. The Financial Status Report was shared.
5. There was conversation regarding the windmills and the impact it may have on our tax rolls if they become de-commissioned.

b. Superintendent – Information Items

1. Mr. Mitchell announced that it is School Board Appreciation Month and thanked our Board members for their dedication and volunteerism.
2. The Capital Project continues to make progress. We are working on the last three classrooms and anticipate completion by mid-February. Following this completion, work will then proceed to the library with an anticipated start during April break and then summer work which would include the windows, roof, paving, hallway flooring and nurse's area.
3. The Legislative Priorities that are being addressed include APPR, electric bus timeline and funding, CTE (Career and Technical Education) aid on teachers' salaries, Fund Balance flexibility, the suggestion to increase the capital outlay from \$100,000 to \$500,000 and to possibly increase the retiree salary restriction.
4. Mr. Mitchell discussed the changes to our Safety Service to the Oneida Herkimer BOCES as a result of the retirement of Jack Angrisano.
5. The SBI Updated 2023-24 Calendar of Events was shared.

c. Superintendent – Approval Items

1. Approval of Agreement for Equipment Share with Fabius-Pompey Central School District

**MOTION # 6 - APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR EQUIPMENT SHARE WITH FABIUS-POMPEY**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Abrams, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the Board moved to approve the agreement between Madison Central and Fabius-Pompey Central Schools for the sharing of particular equipment. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

2. Approval to accept the RFP for Financial Services for Auditing from Mostert, Manzanero & Scott, LLP from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028

**MOTION # 7 - APPROVAL TO ACCEPT RFP FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR AUDITING**

ON THE MOTION of Ms. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the Board moved to to accept the RFP for Financial Services for Auditing for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028 from Mostert, Manzanero & Scott, LLP. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

3. Approval of BOCES 2024-25 Academic Calendar

**MOTION # 8 - APPROVAL OF 2024-25 BOCES ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Reiter, seconded by Ms. Clark, the Board moved to approve the 2024-25 BOCES Academic Calendar. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

4. Approval of Transfers

**MOTION # 9 - APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS**

ON THE MOTION of Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Reiter, the Board moved to approve the Transfers as presented. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

5. Acceptance of donations of hats and mittens from The First Presbyterian Church of Augusta

**MOTION # 10 - ACCEPTANCE OF HATS AND MITTENS DONATION**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Abrams, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the Board moved to accept the donation of winter hats and mittens from The First Presbyterian Church of Augusta. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

6. Acceptance of school equipment and supplies from the Center for Outreach, Volunteerism and Education (COVE) at Colgate University

**MOTION # 11 - ACCEPTANCE OF SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS**

ON THE MOTION of Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Clark, the Board moved to accept the donation of school supplies from the Center for Outreach Volunteerism and Education (COVE) at Colgate University. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

7. Approval of Re-Bid Sitework Construction as provided

**MOTION # 12 - APPROVAL OF RE-BID ON SITEWORK**

ON THE MOTION of Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Reiter the Board moved to approve the Re-Bid on Sitework as provided. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. The Policy Committee met and the recommendation for approval is in the Policy Section.
- VII. Policy
  - a. First Reading, Waiver of Second Reading and Approval of Policy # 5010 entitled "Workplace Violence Prevention Policy"

**MOTION # 13 - APPROVAL OF POLICY**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Abrams, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the Board moved to approve the first reading, and waive the second reading, and approve the Policy # 5010 entitled "Workplace Violence Prevention Policy. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

- b. Notice was given of the Superintendent's approval of Regulation # 5010.1 entitled "Workplace Violence Incident Report" which goes along with the previously approved policy.
- VIII. Old Business
    - a. None
  - IX. Board of Education Discussion Items
    - a. The Board applauded Kyle Peavey on reaching the 100 wins in wrestling milestone. Congrats Kyle!
  - X. New Business
    - a. Personnel
      1. Appointment Adjustment for 2023-24
        - a. Matt Bruno - FFA Advisor at .7 for the 2023-24 school year
      2. Appointment
        - a. Phillip Keville - FFA Advisor at .3 for the 2023-24 school year

**MOTION # 14 - APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Abrams, seconded by Ms. Turner, the Board moved to approve the change in advisor appointment for Matthew Bruno from 1.0 FFA Advisor to .7 FFA Advisor and to add Phillip Keville as a .3 FFA Advisor for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

- b. CSE/CPSE Recommendations – in official packet

**MOTION # 15 - APPROVAL OF CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS**

ON THE MOTION of Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Reiter, the Board moved to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations as provided in the official packet. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

c. Principal / Director Reports

1. Mrs. Cucci shared that the elementary will be going to Colgate on Wednesday for their second sporting outing. This one will be the women's basketball game and our own Dribble to the Beat after school group will be performing. Last week the elementary attended a women's hockey game. Mrs. Cucci also shared that Mrs. Buckley and Mr. Hill work closely with the COVE at Colgate and worked with our own staff to create wish list items that could be shared with the COVE. The COVE was able to fill many of the requests on the wish list and we are very grateful and appreciative of this opportunity. Lastly, Mrs. Cucci shared that the Computer Based Testing (CBT) has been using simulations and we anticipate starting CBT for all grade 3-8 Math, ELA and Science testing this year.
2. Mr. Nichols shared that the January English Regents will be given next week to all Juniors. He also shared that spirit week was a great success.
3. Mr. Latella discussed the RULER training that happened in December and will happen again in February on the half day. He shared that the 3 year Special Education Department review is complete and that the University of Albany will be providing consulting services to our District for Autism training for some of our staff members. Lastly, the Mental Health Grant supports several after school groups, including the newer D&D and Dribble to the Beat groups. There is also interest in starting a volleyball after school program when gym space becomes available.

XI. Correspondence

- a. The Connected Community Schools Report was shared.
- b. A Thank you and student acknowledgement letter from the American Legion Family of the Morrisville/Madison Post #1556 was shared.

XII. Question & Answer Opportunity

- a. None

XIII. Executive Session

**MOTION # 16 - ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Billings, seconded by Ms. Turner, the Board moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:35 pm to review and discuss probationary reports and to discuss Non-Instructional negotiations with Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Cucci and Mr. Latella invited to attend. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Ms. Clark left at 7:26 pm.

Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Cucci and Mr. Latella left at 7:35 pm.

XIV. Adjourn Executive Session

**MOTION # 17 - ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

ON THE MOTION of Mrs. Billings, seconded by Mr. Reiter, the Board moved to adjourn Executive Session at 7:59 pm. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

XV. Adjournment

**MOTION # 18 - ADJOURNMENT**

ON THE MOTION of Mr. Abrams, seconded by Mrs. Billings, the Board moved to adjourn for the evening at 8:00 pm. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.