

MADISON DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Board of Education Vacancy Interview – 6:30 PM

Monday, May 2, 2011 - 7:00 PM

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Madison District Schools, Madison Heights and County of Oakland, Michigan held at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM, Mr. Al Morrison, presiding.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Melvin Rose.

Roll Call

Present: Hohner, Holder, Marr, Morrison, Rose

Absent: Burns (arrived at 6:45 PM)

3 – Board of Education Vacancy Candidate Interview

Timeline for Filling Board Vacancy

April 12 - 26: Letters of interest are received by the Superintendent by 4 PM on April 26.

April 26: Applicant eligibility is confirmed with appropriate agencies.

Applicant must meet these requirements:

- Registered voter in Madison District
- At least 18 years of age
- Resident of the Madison School District
- Subject to all other legal requirements

All eligible applicants are contacted to schedule an interview.

May 2: Regular Board Meeting - **Applicant Interviews**

6:30 – 7:00 William Pittman

Board Candidate Interviewed

Questions for Board Applicant

1. Tell us a little about yourself.
2. Why did you apply to fill the vacant seat on this governing board?
3. What history and/or connection do you have to the Madison community?
4. What skills, knowledge and experience would you bring to the Madison District Board of Education?
5. What do you see as the main problem in the district and how would you solve it?
6. You understand that board members are in the hot seat sometimes, how would you embrace criticism?

4 – Superintendent’s Report

- Vote on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 – Ballot Proposal “L” – to establish up to 1 mill of dedicated property tax levy to ensure the continued operation of the Library and to partially restore reductions made over the last few years. Ballot Proposal “MR” – to restore the millage, authorized by Madison Heights voters, lost as a result of the State

approved Headlee Amendment and to avoid layoffs of Police, Fire and Department of Public Services employees.

- Katie McConkie; Food Service working with awarded grant for “Fuel up to Play 60 with Wilkinson Middle School. She will be taking Mr. Morse; one other adult and 6 students down to Ford Field on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 for the big official kick off for Fuel up to Play 60. They will run out of the Detroit Lions tunnel onto the football field as they announce “Wilkinson Middle School”, students will be on the football field working with the Detroit Lions Trainers.
 - Toronto Field Trip Update – 24 students will be attending.
 - Recap on the Governors Speech.
 - Communication Plan will be brought to the Board in June.
 - Upgrade to reflect the vision and goals for the district.
 - Develop a district logo / develop key messages or tagline.
 - Establish a professional, identifiable look with consistent style and quality
- Board Members viewed logo and tagline, and also the prototype for the newsletter.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

5 – Board of Education

A – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Holder, supported by Hohner that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the special/regular meeting of April 11 and April 26, 2011.

Motion carried: 6-0

B – Selection of New Board Member

Board Members had the opportunity to interview Mr. Pittman.

Moved by Holder, supported by Rose that the Madison District Public Schools Board of Education to nominate Mr. Pittman to fill the current vacancy on the Board.

Mr. Bill Pittman accepted this nomination and was appointed.

Motion carried: 6-0

Mr. William Pittman will serve on the Madison Board of Education until December 31, 2011. (The candidate must run if they so wish and win election in November, 2011 to continue service after that period).

C – District Respect Code

During the past year district staff has worked toward raising standards and expectations for students and employees. As we move toward becoming a high achieving school district, it is important to clearly communicate expectations related to school climate and culture that increase accountability for all district stakeholders. The district wide Professional Studies Committee, comprised of teachers and administrators, developed the attached Madison District Respect Code as a means to communicate the rights of student, staff and community and establish a framework for school climate and culture.

Moved by Marr, supported by Holder that the Board approve the District Respect Code so that it can be included in the Parent and Student Handbook for 2011-12. The Respect Code will also be used to reinforce personal responsibility, appropriate conflict resolution, and positive communication.

Motion carried: 6-0

D – Policy Updates:

The first reading was presented to the Board of Education last month. This is the second reading for approval.

Moved by Holder, supported by Burns that the Board of Education approves the District Bylaws and Administration Policies.

Motion carried: 6-0

POLICY

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>POLICY UPDATE</u>	<u>NEW/REVISE/REPLACE</u>
BYLAWS		
0142.1	Membership – Electoral Process	Revised
0142.3	Membership – Term	Revised
0144.1	Membership – Compensation	Revised
0151.	Organization – Organizational Meeting	Revised
0154.	Organization – Motions	Revised
0155.	Organization – Committees	Revised
0167.1	Meetings – Voting	Revised
ADMINISTRATION		
1230.2	Administration – Indemnification	New
1230.3	Administration – Policy Implementation	New

Board recessed at 7:15 PM awaiting Mr. Lusk’s arrival.

Board of Education was back in session at 7:30 PM.

6 – Emergency Manager Legislation Law – Mr. Robert Lusk

Mr. Lusk presented to the Board of Education a power point presentation on the Emergency Manager Act.

7 – Human Resources – Personnel List

Resignation: Clarys Jamil ESL Teacher / Effective: April 8, 2011

Retirement: Carol Rosenfeld Halfman Elementary / Effective: June 30, 2011

Moved by Marr, supported by Hohner that the Board of Education approves the resignation and retirement on the personnel list.

Motion carried: 6-0

8 – Business Office

A – Check Register Approval for April 2011

Moved by Holder, supported by Marr that the Board of Education authorizes payments totaling: Three hundred and fifty-three thousand, seven hundred and eighty dollars and three cents for General Funds. (\$353,780.03)

Motion carried: 6-0

Board Items

Committee Appointments:

The following Board of Education Members have been appointed to attend these meetings and share the information with other board members.

Youth Assistance: Mr. Hohner

City Parks & Recreation: Mr. Rose & Mr. Marr

Community Round Table: Dr. Klenow

Oakland County School Board Association: Mr. Morrison

Public Comments

None at this time.

Continued Student Discipline Appeal

The Board of Education held an open hearing on March 31 to consider an expulsion appeal from the Kowalski family. The Board adjourned the hearing to allow the Board's legal representative and the family to develop an agreement that would modify the superintendent's recommendation. The hearing resumes this evening to reach a final decision. Mr. Lusk is here to advise the Board and let us know if there has been a request for the hearing to take place in closed session tonight.

Closed Session

Moved by Marr, supported by Hohner for the Board of Education to go into Executive Session, for the purpose of Legal Opinion.

Ayes: Hohner, Holder, Marr, Morrison, Rose, Burns

Nays: None

Resume open meeting at 8:32 PM.

The Board of Education discussed the provisions of the Educational Services Agreement that was developed by the Board's attorney, Mr. Robert Lusk.

The Board directed Mr. Lusk to finalize the Agreement and prepare an action for the next Board of Education meeting on May 16, 2011.

Adjournment

Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature

