

**MADISON LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

March 16, 2021

6:00 P.M.

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The Board of Education of the Madison Local School District met in regular session on Tuesday March 16, 2021 as a Zoom Meeting with the following members present: Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#39-21

Agenda

Jean Sency moved and Brian Horvath seconded to adopt the agenda as presented and with such modifications made by the Superintendent.

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes". Vote: 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#40-21

Minutes

Michelle Hayes moved and Jean Sency seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, February 2, 2021.

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes". Vote: 5-0.

#41-21

Minutes

Michelle Hayes moved and Brian Horvath seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, February 16, 2021.

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes". Vote: 5-0.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

A discussion took place about the additional stimulus money and what it can or cannot be spent on.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TREASURER**

Mr. Vaccariello discussed the following:

- 1.) Audit for FY2020 is complete and will be issued soon by the Auditor of State's office. There were no management letter comments, except for the Non-GAAP filing.
- 2.) The District took delivery of a new school bus at the cost of \$86,422.00. \$43,280 of that cost will be funded by a grant from the state.
- 3.) Listing of the TIF and abated parcels in Madison Village and Madison Township.
- 4.) Revenue from the renewal levy is shown on the forecasts that have been presented.

#42-21

Finances

- A. Brian Horvath moved and Michelle Hayes seconded that the Board engage in the following actions as listed below; provided, however, that should any item included within this motion be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or illegal, all remaining items within this motion shall remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding the status of the voided item.

- ▶ To correct the transfer amount in Resolution #209-20 to \$36,630.70

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes." Vote: 5-0.

#### #43-21

#### Resolution

- B. Jean Sency moved and Brian Horvath seconded to approve the following:

- ▶ Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes." Vote: 5-0.

#### #44-21

#### Donations

- C. Jean Sency moved and Michelle Hayes seconded to accept the following donations:

- ▶ a generous donation of \$200 from Allison White to the Madison Middle School Fundraiser Cash for Canines.
- ▶ a generous donation of cookies from Angela Smith and Shawn Douglas to be used for National Honor Society induction ceremony.

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes." Vote: 5-0.

### REPORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Mrs. Angela Smith talked about the vaccination date, the stimulus money and the presentation she made to the Chamber of Commerce. She also talked about prom and graduation.

Mr. David Bull gave an update on testing.

Mrs. Jennifer Catanese-Grimes announced that the district received a grant to partner with Crossroads.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

#### #45-21

#### Personnel

- A. Jean Sency moved and Michelle Hayes seconded to engage in the following personnel actions as listed below; provided, however, that should any item included within this motion be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or illegal, all remaining items within this motion shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the status of the voided items.
- (1) **The Board of Education accepted the following resignations:**
- ▶ to accept the resignation of Brent Buell, Mechanic, effective February 24, 2021.
  - ▶ to accept the resignation of Aaron Chambers, custodian, effective February 19, 2021.
  - ▶ to accept the resignation of Nick Mayer, Madison High School Boys JV Tennis Coach, effective March 5, 2021.
- (2) **The Board approved the following unpaid Leave:**
- ▶ to approve the unpaid leave request of Cathy Sturm, South Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the period of March 8, 2021 through March 12, 2021 and if necessary

beyond the unpaid leave date, pursuant to Article V, §D[1] of the MEA Negotiated Agreement and Board Policy 3430.01.

**(3) The Board entered into the following employment contracts:**

- to employ the persons for the positions and at the rate of compensation and other terms and conditions of employment as listed below:
- ▶ each of the following substitute teachers as approved by the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve and/or the Madison Local School District's Superintendent under a one-year limited substitute teacher contract for the 2020-2021 school year, pursuant to ORC §§109.57, 3319.10 and 3319.39.

Adam Bryski      Amanda Fortuna      Taylor Petti

- ▶ the following persons, as a casual, day-to-day substitute and at the Board approved rate of compensation, effective the 2020-2021 school year, pursuant to ORC §4117.01 (C) (13) and Board policy 4120.04.

Julie O'Brien

- ▶ to employ Aja Rendek under a long-term substitute teacher contract from February 1, 2021 through May 27, 2021 to perform the duties of Cheri Mracek pursuant to ORC §§109.57, 3319.10 and 3319.39. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and the Treasurer to adjust the length of assigned service to reflect any changes related to the teacher absence and authorized under Article V, §A of the MEA Negotiated Agreement for which the long-term substitute teaching assignment is made.
- ▶ to employ Nichol Shimko as a Cashier at South Elementary School effective March 1, 2021 for 2.5 hours per day.
- ▶ to employ Roy Norris as a Custodian, second shift at Madison High School for 8 hours per day, at a compensation rate of \$12.67 per hour, effective March 8, 2021.
- ▶ to employ Amanda Fortuna as a building substitute at North Elementary School at a rate of \$100.00 per day effective February 22, 2021.
- ▶ the following certificated personnel, each under a one-year limited supplemental contract for the 2020-2021 contract year, in the position and at the rate of compensation listed below, pursuant to ORC §3319.08 and Appendix B of the MEA Negotiated Agreement.

Shane Hamilton      MHS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball Coach      .15      18 yrs.      \$5,954

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes". Vote: 5-0.

#46-21

Inter-District

- B. Michael Haury moved and Brian Horvath seconded to continue the policy of Inter-District and Intra-District Open Enrollment pursuant to Board policies 5113 and 5113.01.

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes". Vote: 5-0.

C. Brian Horvath moved and Jean Sency seconded to adopt the following resolution:

**A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Students Selected for the  
Madison Chapter of the National Honor Society**

WHEREAS in 1954 Madison High School established a chapter of the National Honor Society to recognize those students whose personal achievements reflect the criteria standards of scholarship, character, leadership and service; and

WHEREAS all academically-eligible students are notified of their eligibility to participate in the National Honor Society selection process by submitting a Student Activity Information Form which documents their in-school and out-of-school activities and awards received during their high school career and meets the high standards and principles of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS a faculty council of Madison High School teachers reviews each student's application and determines qualified inductees from among the junior and senior members of the student body; and

WHEREAS three seniors from the Class of 2021 and 65 juniors from the Class of 2022 were tapped as National Honor Society members on March 9, 2021 at an in-school assembly of their peers and subsequently registered their membership at the formal induction ceremony that evening before friends, family and distinguished guests; and

WHEREAS the 2021 Senior Class member Corin Cody, Thomas Combs, Kayleigh Mallor and 2022 Junior Class members Noah Anderson, Jeannette Baker, Chloe Bancroft, Helaina Behm, Isabella Behm, Skyler Blough, Elizabeth Bottar, Bailey Brotz, Tahja Brown, Ryan Bruns, Reigan Buchs, Emma Burgard, Lucas Carroll, Emily Coach, Kayelee Coan, Carly Conforte, Samuel Cost, Ryan Crim, Gavin Douglas, Dimitri Dragas, Riley Elliott, Pauline Forman, Zoe Frager, Katie Frania, Ciara Fults, Hannah Galindo, Amaya Glover, Joshua Hammell, Joseph Janson, Audrey King, Aliyah Krimmel, Chloe Kurian, Payton Lewanski, Chad Lewis, Rachel Luther, Alexandria Manieri, Katelyn Marcelli, Nicholas Marcelli, Rebecca Martin, Delaney McGrain, Riley Montagner, Madelyn Moretti, Madelynn Mullins, Taylor Noch-Zeman, Michael O'Brien, Madeline Otterman, Gabriel Paul, Coleton Phipps, Ella Pike, Mitchell Polovic, Samantha Quinonez, Rachel Radkowski, Ana Ramirez, Jack Rees, Riley Rymarczyk, Alyssa Schlife, Abigail Schmidt, Marlene Slattery, Ellie Smith, Caleigh Snopel, Haileigh Stephens, Aubrey Sumrow, Abigail Swit, Jordan Watt and Olivia Williams were selected to join the 46 existing members as each was inducted into the Madison High School Chapter of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS these distinguished new members pledged to uphold the high purpose and principles of the National Honor Society, to be loyal to their school, and to maintain and foster the high standards of *Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison Local Board of Education commends the 2021 Madison High School inductees for their exceptional accomplishments and applauds their efforts in earning recognition as a member of the National Honor Society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its congratulations on behalf of the entire community and directs the Treasurer to deliver a copy of this Resolution to each of the 2021 Madison High School National Honor Society inductees.

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes". Vote: 5-0.

#48-20

Fair School

Funding Plan

D. Jean Sency moved and Michael Haury seconded to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING  
PLAN, AS CONTAINED IN HOUSE BILL 1, AND TO ENCOURAGE  
THE 134TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPEDITE THE PASSAGE  
OF THE BILL.**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in *DeRolph v. State of Ohio* (1997) that Ohio's method for funding schools through the state's school foundation program was unconstitutional under Article VI, Section 2 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in *DeRolph*, the Ohio Supreme Court declared that Ohio's school funding system was over-reliant on local property taxes, and as such, was inherently discriminatory to children based on where they reside for disparities exist between communities of affluence and impoverishment; and

WHEREAS, since the *DeRolph* decision, the Ohio General Assembly has failed to create a funding system that meets Ohio's constitutional standard of securing "... a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state"; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's solution to satisfy the Ohio Supreme Court's order has been to pass a series of biennial budgets containing politically expedient remedies that have not eliminated the over-reliance on local property tax or mitigated the discriminatory nature inherent in the series of "funding fixes" legislated over the last 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's previous biennial budget crafted by the 132<sup>nd</sup> Ohio General Assembly, and effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, created a funding system with "capped" districts, and districts receiving a minimum level of funding referred to as the "guarantee"; and

WHEREAS, the previous biennial budget identified 503 school districts out of 610, or 82%, either "capped" in their funding, or on the "guarantee," which is a testament that Ohio's funding model is not effective; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's current biennial budget crafted by the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, froze foundation funding for Ohio schools at 2019 fiscal year levels (effectively placing all districts on "the guarantee"), which funding levels have subsequently been cut due to the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the current school funding system in Ohio lacks a rational basis for determining both the cost of educating students and how the funding of education is shared between the state and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Representative Robert Cupp (R) and Representative John Patterson (D) convened a statewide workgroup, made up of eight practicing school district CFO/Treasurers and eight practicing Superintendents (the "Cupp-Patterson Workgroup"), to devise a new formula, and recognizing that Ohio needs an overhaul to its school funding system, have spent the last three years determining the inputs necessary to fund a "thorough and efficient system of common schools" that reduces the over-reliance on local property tax and creates equity in the state foundation system; and

WHEREAS, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup carefully analyzed national research, best practices, actual Ohio school district spending data, and drew on their own extensive experience in educating students and operating school districts to make recommendations for a school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio's students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations that laid out a rational, transparent, comprehensive and – most of all – fair system for funding schools based on the actual cost of providing a basic education for all students in Ohio (the “Base Cost”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed a method of sharing the funding of the Base Cost between the state and local taxpayers that is easy to understand and based on a fair, defensible measure of the capacity to generate funds locally; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup identified and provided a framework for providing additional resources to meet needs beyond those of basic education, including the areas of the social, emotional, safety, and mental health of students, the additional challenges driven by students living in poverty, with special needs, with limited English proficiency, and who are academically gifted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup developed recommendations for properly funding Career Technology Centers, Educational Service Centers, and Charter and Community schools; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the research and work outlined above, the Cupp-Patterson Workgroup produced and recommended the Fair School Funding Plan, which was introduced in House Bill 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor of Ohio have an opportunity to devise a funding formula, as outlined in the Fair School Funding Plan, that is an investment in Ohio’s children and Ohio’s future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Madison Local School District, that:

Section 1. It is necessary to formally endorse the Fair School Funding Plan, as introduced in House Bill 1 of the 134th General Assembly to ensure that K-12 schools in Ohio are funded using a rational school funding system that meets the needs of all Ohio’s students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to community leaders; to members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, including Representative Callender and Senator Cirino; and to the office of Governor Michael DeWine.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted “Yes”. Vote: 5-0.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Audra Wisnowski thanked the Board for what they do.

Joe Vulcan asked about the stimulus money and why the levy is necessary.

Leah Turner commented on the levy.

Michelle Hayes stated why she wasn’t in favor of pulling the levy off the ballot.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#49-21  
Executive  
Session

Jean Sency moved and Brian Horvath seconded to enter into executive session for the purpose(s) as outlined below, pursuant to ORC §121.22.

- [1] the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or regulated individuals, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or regulated individual unless such person requests a public hearing.
- [4] preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees;
- [5] matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, rules or state statutes.

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes". Vote: 5-0.

Reconvened from executive session with a roll call

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

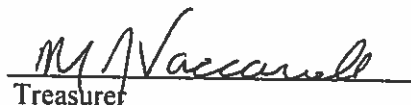
Jean Sency moved and Michelle Hayes seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

Shawn Douglas, Michael Haury, Michelle Hayes, Brian Horvath and Jean Sency voted "Yes." Vote: 5-0.

*The video recording of the public sessions of this meeting can be found on file in the Treasurer's Office.*



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President



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Treasurer