

**MADISON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 17, 2008**

52-08 The Madison Local Board of Education met this day in regular session at the Administration Building. President Cappel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Mr. Zimov

Present:	Mr. Todd Farler	Mr. Mark Zimov
	Mr. David French	Dr. Chris Cline
	Mr. Brian McGuire	
	Mr. Tim Young	
	Mr. Glenn Cappel	

53-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG, RESOLVED, to approve the following additions/revisions to the agenda:

1. Eliminate the first Executive Session (VIII.)
2. Add VII. A. 5.
3. Add IX. A. 1.
4. Add IX. B. 6.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

Hearing of Public:

- Tara Ante – Son is open enrollment student; wants the board to retain the open enrollment policy.
- Bill Manly – Declined to speak.
- Pete Robinson – Open enrollment brings in \$400,000; can the district afford to eliminate open enrollment without additional taxes?
- Amy Schenck – The levy was about extra-curricular activities as well as academics. The financial situation indicates keeping open enrollment.
- John Brunswick – We have quality open enrollment students and we should keep open enrollment for their sake.

Special Recognition/Presentations

Recognition of Athletes

Coach Smith introduced some of the athletes from Madison's many outstanding teams for 2007-2008:

- Varsity Girls Basketball – League Champions
 - o Coach Rossi – District 15 Coach of the Year
 - o Coach Hogue – District 15 Assistant Coach of the Year
 - o The Team achieved #6 ranking in the State

- o Ally Malott – 1st Team All Southwest District/Buckeye Div. Player of the Year, District 15 All Star, All Cincinnati Enquirer, All Ohio Special Mention
- o Lindsay Hoskins – 3rd Team All Southwest District
- o Sarah Blevins – All Southwest District Honorable Mention
- o Shelby Roe – All Southwest District Honorable Mention
- Varsity Boys Basketball
 - o Nathanael Harney – 1st Team All Southwest District & new career scoring leader, All Ohio Special Mention, 1st Team Academic All-Ohio Division 3
- Varsity Wrestling
 - o Josh French – League and Sectional Wrestling Champion, won 5 invitationals, 45-3 record for the 2007-2008 season, 1st Team All SWBL, All Cincinnati Enquirer
 - o Matt Fry – Sectional Wrestling Champion, 40-9 record for the 2007-2008 season

Special Presentations:

- Tammy Andrews and 8th grade students: 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
- Carolyn Tucker, Treasurer’s Assistant/EMIS Coordinator: The evolution of EMIS and its importance for proper state funding: EMIS has grown in its complexity and importance. New demands and high stakes for missing deadlines and inaccuracies have moved it beyond the realm of a side job. Carolyn is one of only 41 Master Certified EMIS Professionals in Ohio.

Treasurer/CFO Report

- Certification of Superintendent, Treasurer/CFO and Board Members for completion of training regarding Ohio Public Records and Open Meetings laws as required by the Ohio Revised Code (effective 11/29/2007).
- Cash reserves now show on financial reports (Funds 001 9000, 003 9000).
- Power Point Presentation: Revenue/Expenditure Growth Rates (same presentation scheduled at all three schools). Madison must control costs where possible to control the natural growth of operating costs which exceed our projected level of funding growth.
- New one-year investments will earn 3.45%; next maturity on 6/13 will no doubt be difficult to reinvest at 3%; currently earning 5.2%.
- A new sewage plant operational unit has been set up to better manage costs for that critical infrastructure.

54-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG, RESOLVED, that the minutes of the previous meetings be approved.

Question by Mr. Cappel: Will we be building eight additional classrooms?

Answer by Dr. Cline: No, we will be incorporating extra rooms at the Jr./Sr. High School to reduce construction of an additional class per grade.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

- 55-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG, RESOLVED, to approve the Monthly Financial Reports for January 2008 as presented.
VOTE:
AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel
NO: None
President Cappel declared the motion carried.
- 56-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, to accept the following donations:
Athletic Boosters to After Prom - \$700
Dr. Girdwood to After Prom - \$50
Small Comforts for HEAL to Washington D.C. Trip - \$350
Unison Industries to 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip - \$350
VOTE:
AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel
NO: None
President Cappel declared the motion carried.
- 57-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, to accept the donation from Madison Athletic Boosters of high jump mats valued at \$5,950.
VOTE:
AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel
NO: None
President Cappel declared the motion carried.
- 58-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, to approve the Amended Appropriations and Certificate of Estimated Resources.
VOTE:
AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel
NO: None
President Cappel declared the motion carried.
- 59-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, to approve payments up to \$100 per individual to reimburse employees for additional costs associated with re-filing their 2007 income taxes.
VOTE:
AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel
NO: None
President Cappel declared the motion carried.
- 60-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Alice Munson for purposes of retirement effective May 30, 2008.
VOTE:
AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel
NO: None
President Cappel declared the motion carried.
- 61-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, to employ Verila Darlene Alley as Cafeteria Worker effective 2/12/08 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year (4.25 hours/\$10.88 per hour).

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

- 62-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG, RESOLVED, Employ Beverly Teaster as Cafeteria Manager (Intermediate School) effective 2/12/08 (7 hours/day \$11.14 per hour).

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

- 63-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG, RESOLVED, to approve the addition of the following to the Classified Substitute List on an as-needed basis:

Richard Treadway – Grounds Maintenance

Kim Miller – Clinic Aide

Brian Sebald – Clinic Aide

Sharlana Kathleen Powers – Cafeteria

Shirley Cast – Cafeteria

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

- 64-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, to approve the Employment of Classified Personnel for Coaching/Advisor Positions for the 2007-2008 school year: RESOLVED, that the personnel listed below be issued contracts for the 2007-2008 school year in accordance with Board Resolution 140-07 (Supplemental Parody Pay) and subject to the candidates' acceptance of the requirements for compliance to the wage and hour law; further, the contract is contingent on sufficient student participation to support the activity and the candidates' meeting pre-employment testing requirements:

Emily Oliver – Choreographer, Spring Play (\$616.20)

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

- 65-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, Accept Michelle Coleman and Stacey Eckhardt as unpaid volunteer assistants for Varsity Softball for the 2007-2008 school year.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

66-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG, RESOLVED, to approve the following volunteers as chaperones for the JSHS After-Prom event pending successful background checks:

Coleman, Michelle	McGuire, Beth
Drury, Louise	McVay, Tracey
Ferguson, Anita	Taulbee, Jackie
Fink, Jenny	Tipton, Jane
Fox, Suzi	Treadway, Cathy
Hawkins, Lynn	Treadway, Rick
Heuman, Shelly	

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

67-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG, RESOLVED, RESOLVED, to approve the continuing of the Interdistrict Open Enrollment Policy for the 2008-2009 school year in accordance with the State guidelines and the policies and guidelines for the District.

Discussion:

Dr. Cline read the Interdistrict Open Enrollment Checklist required by the Ohio Department of Education:

- A. The Board of Education of this school district has adopted a resolution establishing for the school district the following policy: A policy that permits enrollment of students from **all other districts** in accordance with policy statements contained in the resolution.
- B. Provisions school districts must adopt in an interdistrict open enrollment policy:
 1. Policy must be adopted by the board of education that allows or entirely prohibits interdistrict open enrollment.
 2. Policy must contain application procedures including deadlines for application and notification of acceptance or rejection.
 3. Set district capacity limits by grade level, school building and educational program.
 4. Resident students and any adjacent or other district student previously enrolled in interdistrict open enrollment must be given priority.
 5. Policy must insure proper racial balance is maintained.
 6. School board's rationale and definition for the objection of native students is a negative racial balance is created.
- C. Interdistrict policies shall not include any of the following:
 1. A requirement for athletic, academic or any other skill or proficiency.
 2. Limitation on enrollment because of handicapping condition.
 3. A requirement that a student be proficient in the English language.
 4. Rejection of an application because he/she has been disciplined, except if a student has been suspended or expelled for 10 or more days in the current term or in the immediately preceding term.
 5. Refusal to accept credits earned in interdistrict open enrollment.
 6. A policy that in any way discourages a native student from participating in interdistrict open enrollment.

Dr. Cline read the following from O.R.C. 3313.98 Procedures for enrolling students from adjacent districts or other districts.

- (B) (1) The board of education of each city, local, and exempted village school district shall adopt a resolution establishing for the school district one of the following policies:
- a) A policy that entirely prohibits the enrollment of students from adjacent districts or other districts, other than students for whom tuition is paid in accordance with section 3317.08 of the Revised Code;
 - b) A policy that permits enrollment of students from all adjacent districts in accordance with policy statements contained in the resolution;
 - c) A policy that permits enrollment of students from all other districts in accordance with policy statements contained in the resolution.
- (2) A policy permitting enrollment of students from adjacent or from other districts, as applicable, shall provide for all of the following:
- a) Application procedures, including deadlines for application and for notification of students and the superintendent of the applicable district whenever an adjacent or other district student's application is approved.
 - b) Procedures for admitting adjacent or other district applicants free of any tuition obligation of the district's schools, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) The establishment of district capacity limits by grade level, school building, and education program;
 - (ii) A requirement that all native students wishing to be enrolled in the district will be enrolled and that any adjacent or other district students previously enrolled in the district shall receive preference over first-time applicants;
 - (iii) Procedures to ensure that an appropriate racial balance is maintained in the district schools
 - c) Except as provided in section 3313.982 of the Revised Code, the procedures for admitting adjacent or other district students, as applicable, shall not include:
 1. Any requirement of academic ability, or any level of athletic, artistic, or other extracurricular skills;
 2. Limitations on admitting applicants because of disability, except that a board may refuse to admit a student receiving services under Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code, if the services described in the student's IEP are not available in the district's schools'
 3. A requirement that the student be proficient in the English language;
 4. Rejection of any applicant because the student has been subject to disciplinary proceedings, except that if an applicant has been suspended or expelled by the student's district for ten consecutive days or more in the term for which admission is sought or in the term immediately preceding the term for which admission is sought, the procedures may include a provision denying admission of such applicant.
- (D)(1) Each school board permitting only enrollment of adjacent district students shall provide information about the policy adopted under this section, including the application procedures and deadlines, to the superintendent and the board of education of each adjacent district and, upon request, to the parent of any adjacent district student.
- (2) Each school board permitting enrollment of other district students shall provide information about the policy adopted under this section, including the application procedures and deadlines, upon request, to the board of education of any other school district or to the parent of any student anywhere in the state.

Dr. Cline also read from the Administrative Guidelines: Students 5113:

- E. Applications for admission from other Ohio districts may be submitted to the Superintendent from the first school day in May up to the last Friday in June. Applications must be picked up and returned in person. No applications received by other methods will be accepted.
- H. Applications will be acted upon no later than August 15th.
- I. The Superintendent may waive the stated enrollment deadlines up to the first full week of October should extenuating circumstances exist.
- J. If at any time prior to the start of the school year, the enrollment of a new Madison district student brings a specific class or program enrollment to optimum size, the applications of students from other Ohio districts shall be revoked in reverse order of acceptance (last in-first out). However, students from other Ohio districts who have begun the program shall be allowed to complete the school year.

Dr. Cline explained the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) rules regarding student transfers: All but freshmen will be ineligible to participate for the first year at Madison except for Exception 5: --a student may transfer to a different school and be eligible provided the superintendents of both districts enter into a written agreement that consents to the attendance and specifies that the purpose of such attendance is to protect the student's physical or mental well-being. Only one such exemption shall be permitted in any four school years. The student shall not be eligible until declared eligible by the Commissioner upon submission of the exemption form.

Mr. Cappel: Asked about the Building LFI budget and the performance of open enrollment students.

Mr. Philpot: The majority of the open enrollment students are in the middle academically.

Mr. Cappel: Disputes economics of open enrollment – student/teacher ratios, open enrollment revenue; believes that open enrollment negatively impacts academic performance and that taxpayers will have higher burden due to open enrollment.

Mr. Young asked if any teachers have complained about having too many students.

Dr. Cline answered that there were some complaints.

Mr. Farler asked if we had complaints prior to open enrollment?

Dr. Cline replied that he was not here prior to open enrollment, but we are not exceeding state maximums for student/teacher ratios at any grade level.

Mr. McGuire: Will the open enrollment policy affect any current students for athletics (i.e., setting out a year)?

Dr. Cline: No current athletes will be impacted since they will have attended Madison for one year.

Amy Schenck was recognized by the Board to speak: Will the year of ineligibility for first year open enrollment students affect students in non-athletic extra-curriculars?

Dr. Cline: Only athletics are covered by eligibility guidelines.

Mr. Dulle: We make no extra bus stops for open enrollment students.

Mr. Cappel: Everything costs money – we'll see at tax levy time.

Mr. Farler: Open enrollment did not increase class sizes appreciably.

Mr. French: Open enrollment revenue projection should use 0 instead of 40 open enrollment students.

Mr. Zimov: That may produce an unrealistically negative financial picture as long as program quality is favorable.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young

NO: Mr. French, Mr. Cappel

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

68-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, to approve a 2% increase on the base wage rate for Classified Personnel for the 2008-2009 school year.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

Board of Education Reports/Communications:

Butler Tech Report – Mr. McGuire: Butler Tech is going through the Ohio School Facilities Commission building process, possibly to build along I-75. Five or six scenarios are under considerations. What programs will be in the new building will be decided later in the process.

Legislative Report – Mr. French:

- Senate Bill 148 SERS Eligibility signed by the Governor on February 13, 2008, effective in 90 days (revises the retirement eligibility requirements for members of the School Employees Retirement System.
- House Bill 142 became effective on March 11, 2008 (authorizes State Highway patrol to provide emergency assistance to schools confronted with bomb threats or similar threats increases penalty to a second degree felony when a school is involved.
- House Committee held hearings to discuss budget cuts ordered by Gov. Ted Strickland for \$10 million for 2008 and 2009. (ODE spreadsheet copies available)
- House considering Senate Bill 221 (Alternative energy proposal); this will impact school districts and the rates they pay for electricity. OSBA is developing a proposal through the Education Tax Policy Institute for special consideration of school districts. Testimony to be given in the House Public Utilities Committee.

Student Achievement Report – Mr. Farler: Thanks to the Washington D.C. trip students and we support more learning activities that impact the community.

Suggested that student board members might be a part of the system and could have a positive impact. He will investigate having such a program.

Communications - Dr. Cline: Read a letter from Julie and Mason Conley expressing gratitude for the Washington D.C. trip.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Young: The Washington D.C. trip was an exciting and thought-provoking experience. The teachers did a great job.

Mr. Cappel:

- Now that the open enrollment matter is decided for next year, we welcome all open enrollment students because kid's education is more important than money.
- Would like to consider random drug testing for non-union employees on the agenda at the next meeting and would also like to add random drug testing to the negotiations with the teachers' union.

69-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, to enter into executive session for the purpose of one of the following as underlined, at 8:44 p.m. Ohio Revised Code 121.22G –

 X Section 1: To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or **compensation of a public employee or official**, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.

 Section 2: To consider the purchase of property for public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.

 Section 3: Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

 Section 4: Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining session with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

 Section 5: Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

 Section 6: Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office.

NOTE: Underline denotes precise reason for Executive Session.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

70-08 MOTION BY MR. FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG, RESOLVED, that the meeting be reconvened to Regular Session at 10:18 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried.

71-08 MOTION BY MR FARLER, SECONDED BY MR. MCGUIRE, RESOLVED, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

VOTE:

AYES: Mr. Farler, Mr. French, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Young, Mr. Cappel

NO: None

President Cappel declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

SIGNED: _____, President, Madison Board of Education

SIGNED: _____, Treasurer/CFO

