Madrid, NY 13660

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Madrid-Waddington Central School was held on September 19, 2023. The Board Vice-President, Amber Sullivan, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

ROLL CALL Present: Wyatt Boswell, Charles Grant, Katie Logan, Mike Ruddy, Robert Smith, Amber Sullivan

Others: Eric Burke, Julie Abrantes, Joseph Binion, Nicole Weakfall, Brenda McCall, Quinn Shoen, Kyle Murphy, Caleb Averill, Zoey French, Stefin Jacob, Cheyenne Bishop, Aiden Arquiett

Excused: Bruce Durant, Ryan Hayes, Chris Pryce

Approval of Minutes

NO. 2024-029 Motion by Grant, seconded by Ruddy, to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 regular board meeting and the August 28, 2023 special board meeting.

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

Treasurer's Report

NO. 2024-030 Motion by Smith, seconded by Logan, to accept the unaudited Treasurer's report for the period ending August 31, 2023.

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

The Following Reports Were Given:

- Building & Grounds written by Jim Murray
- Transportation written by Shawn Losey
- Athletics Brenda McCall

CSE

NO. 2024-031 Motion by Boswell, seconded by Grant, that the Board, to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, as listed on the attached sheet, and approves the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations.

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

Reports Cont'd:

- Student Liaison Zoey French
- Jr./Sr. High School Principal Joseph Binion
 - Opening of School
 - Open House
- Elementary Principal Nicole Weakfall
 - **School Opening**
 - **Extracurricular Activities**
 - **New Math Program**
 - **Summer Program**
- Superintendent's Report Eric Burke
 - Capital Project Update
 - Cyber Insurance Policy

Cyber Policy

NO. 2024-032 Motion by Grant, seconded by Ruddy, that the board, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Burke, does hereby approve option #3 of Beazley Cyber Insurance Policy proposal upon the approval of school legal counsel.

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

Reports Cont'd:

- Superintendent's Report Eric Burke
 - Capital Outlay Approval

NO. 2024-033 Motion by Smith, seconded by Boswell, to approve the 2023-24 Capital Outlay Project Base Bid of \$82,875 from Whitton Construction.

Cap Outlay

Proj 23-24

Bid Accept.

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

Discussion of Old or New Business

- NYSSBA Area 6 Dinner October 5th
- SLLCSBA Annual Regent Dinner October 18th
- Social Media Litigation

NO. 2024-034 Social Media Litigation

Contract

Motion by Grant, seconded by Logan, that the board, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Burke, does hereby approve the social media litigation client contract between Madrid-Waddington Central School and Frantz Law Group as presented.

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

NO. 2024-035 Vaping Litigation

Motion by Logan, seconded by Ruddy, that the board, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Burke, does hereby resolve authorizing partial settlement of vaping litigation.

WHEREAS, in recent years the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices increased dramatically among high school and middle school students, leading to significant rise of addiction and potentially life-threatening respiratory ailments; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Madrid-Waddington central School District (the "School District") have not been immune to this phenomenon with the School District observing students using e-cigarettes and vaping devices in school and on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices by students has caused the School District to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases and stops; and

WHEREAS, the School District authorized the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC, to initiate litigation against Altria Group, Inc and Philip Morris USA, Inc., Altria Client Services LLC, Altria Enterprises LLC, and Altria Group Distribution Company (collectively "Altria") by board resolution relating to the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarette and vaping devices; and

WHEREAS, a tentative settlement has been reached with Defendant Altria whereby in return for discontinuing the litigation, the School District would receive certain cash payment: and

WHEREAS, the amount that the School District receives will be no less than \$3,961; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") has determined it is necessary, advantageous, desirable and in the public interest and the best interest of the School District that it settle this litigation against Altria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the School District, as follows:

- 1. The Board authorizes the partial settlement of the vaping lawsuit against defendant Altria.
- 2. A Settlement with the substantive terms contained herein is hereby approved in substantially the form, reviewed by the Board and together with such minor modifications are deemed necessary by the School District's attorneys and administrators to protect the best interests of the School District.

- 3. The Board President, Superintendent and their designee(s) are hereby authorized to finalize, sign and enter into the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the School District and take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

Soccer Trip 9/23/23

NO. 2024-036 Motion by Boswell, seconded by Grant, that the board, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Burke, does hereby approve the boys' varsity soccer overnight trip to Albany on September 23, 2023.

Yeas: All Present

Navs: None

Third and Final Reading:

Policy #5682 – Opioid Overdose Prevention Policy

NO. 2024-037 **Policy**

Motion by Logan, seconded by Smith, that the board, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Burke, does hereby approve the following policy:

• Policy #5682 - Opioid Overdose Prevention Policy

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

NO. 2024-038 Motion by Logan, seconded by Grant, that the board, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Appointments Burke, does hereby approve the following personnel actions for the 2023-24 school year:

Appointments:

K Valancius

1. Kathy Valancius; LT Sub – Teacher, eff. 9/7/23-11/3/23, rate of \$253.93/day.

S Morgan S Morgan 2. Susan Morgan; LT Sub Tch. Asst., eff. 9/7/23, rate of \$129.64/day

3. Susan Morgan; Sub Monitor, eff. 9/7/23, rate of \$15/hr

Election Clerks 4. Volunteer Election Clerks for 10/18/23 Special Vote-Barbara Santamont, Shirley Martin, Judy LeFleur, Kelly Sharlow, Onalie Beckstead, Marcia Oney

J Watson

5. Julia Watson; Jr. Class Co-Advisor, 2023-24 SY, stipend of \$529.50 6. Diannah Hitsman; Sub Cleaner & Monitor, eff. 9/20/23, rate of \$15/hr

D Hitsman E Tyo

7. Ellen Tyo; Sub Tch. & TA, eff. 9/20/23, rate of \$115/day

M Hissam J Ruddy

8. Michelle Hissam; Sub Monitor, eff. 9/20/23, rate of \$15/hr 9. Joseph Ruddy; Sub Tch., eff. 9/20/23, rate of \$140/day

O Viskovich

10. Octavia Viskovich; Sub Tch., eff. 9/20/23, rate of \$115/day

A Wynne O Beckstead 11. Ashley Wynne; Sub TA, eff. 9/20/23, rate of \$115/day

R LaRock

12. Onalie Beckstead; Custodian/Monitor, eff. 9/14/23, rate of \$17.40/hr 13. Roseanne LaRock; Food Service Worker/Custodian/Monitor, eff. 9/5/23, rate of \$17,40/hr

C Ashley

14. Cheryl Ashley; Food Service Worker/Custodian/Monitor, eff. 9/18/23, rate of \$17.40/hr

J Jandreau T Taber

15. Jasmine Jandreau; 4-hr Food Service Worker, eff. 9/18/23, rate of \$16.32/hr

D Tyo Jr.

16. Terry Taber; 4-hr Food Service Worker, eff. 9/18/23, rate of \$16.32/hr

T Siddon

17. David Tyo Jr.; 4-hr Custodian, eff. 9/18/23, rate of \$18.36/hr 18. Toni Siddon; Sr Class Co-Advisor, 23-24 SY, stipend of \$529.50

S Pribek

19. Sabrina Pribek; Sr Class Co-Advisor, 23-24 SY, stipend of \$529.50

J Moots

20. Julie Moots; School Tax Collector Trainee, per diem, eff. 9/20/23, rate of \$21.40/hr

Resignations:

L Flack

21. Lisa Flack; Jr Class Co-Advisor, eff. 8/30/23

Medical Leave:

S Pribek

22. Sabrina Pribek; Guidance Counselor, eff. approx. 10/12/23 - 11/3/23

C Averill

23. Carla Averill; Tch. Asst., eff 9/5/23-3/1/24, as needed

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

No. 2024-039

Motion by Ruddy, seconded by Boswell, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:57 PM.

Adjournment

Yeas: All Present

Nays: None

District Clerk