



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, February 14, 2018

5:00 PM

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.  
30 W. Mifflin Street, Room 1000B

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Gloria Reyes; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Matthew J. Phair; Nichelle Nichols; Nicki Vander Meulen; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Michele Ritt

**Absent:** 1 - James Howard

**Others present:** Mary O'Donnell, Nathan Beck, Tariq Saqqaf

Phair called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Reyes, seconded by Vander Meulen to approve the December 13, 2017 minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Del Underbakke discussed the importance of reengaging youth in the community. Underbakke shared information from the At-Risk/Opportunity Youth presentation held February 5 at the Board of Education Instruction Workgroup. Underbakke believes the Education Committee would be a good fit for the team working on an At-Risk/Opportunity Youth initiative.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **41692** Chair's Report

**Attachments:** [National Day of Service Recognition](#)

Phair discussed the National Service Recognition Day letter. AmeriCorps is looking for support from the community. Madison has many AmeriCorps members working with elementary schools and youth in the community. If interested in showing support please follow link in letter emailed to the committee. A strong show of support from the community could help maintain future funding.

2. **50043** Follow up on Letter from the Superintendent and the Mayor

Attachments: [Letter to City Education Committee](#)

Phair led the discussion to provide clarification on the November letter. Nichols met with the Superintendent and Reyes met with the Mayor. Nichols and Reyes reiterated the letter's intent to support the Education Committee's decision to focus on three specified topics (MOST, Community Schools and Early Childhood and Early Childhood Zones) with the understanding that other items may be added as the committee deems necessary. It was determined a revised letter was not needed and the minutes would suffice as clarification.

The Education Committee recognized that the three focus areas do not require monthly attention. The committee also acknowledged the work of organizations managing these initiatives.

3.       **50044**       Discussion on Priorities for the Committee

Attachments: [Potential Areas of Impact.pdf](#)  
[Ed Comm Matrix](#)

Phair discussed the matrix the committee would utilize to determine priorities. The committee reviewed the items of interest listed in November 2017 using the matrix. The decision was made to continue the focus on Community Schools, MOST and Early Childhood and Early Childhood Zones. The committee further decided to focus on transportation for all kids ages 5-18 and reengaging "Opportunity Youth" as 2 additional interests to pursue. It was determined that the Afterschool program accessibility to students with special needs would fall under the purview of the MOST program. Other items of interest were reviewed and it was determined that other organizations are better equipped and currently addressing those topics.

The short-term action plan for the committee is to dedicate one meeting for presentations and a follow up meeting for discussion and strategies. Presenters will receive a detailed guide. The guide will ask for recommendations on how the Education Committee can work to assist in these areas: policy, procedures or processes, budget implications, staffing or other resources and groups currently working on the topic. The first two items discussed will be Reengaging "Opportunity Youth" and Early Childhood and Early Childhood Zones.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Bayrd to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm.  
Motion passed by voice vote.