

# DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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## **MINUTES**

**December 12, 2017**

### MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Mayanne Briggs, Chair  
Steve Bilafer, Vice-Chair  
Kevin Coughlin  
Joshua Donati  
Lisa Laprade  
Melissa Pearrow  
Tracey White

### MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ABSENT:

None

### MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Michael Welch, Superintendent  
Samuel Rippin, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance

Meeting Location: Superintendent's Office

Meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m.

## **Old/New Business**

### FY19 Budget Discussion

Supt. Welch informed the Committee that the Capital Projects summary has been placed in their shared folder along with the prioritization list. The Budget Subcommittee has met several times and put a lot of thought into the list.

Mr. Coughlin asked if the original list of 64 requested items could be placed in the folder. Supt. Welch added that information to the folder for the members to see.

Mr. Bilafer explained that there are a lot of maintenance items and the Committee is chipping away at long term projects.

Supt. Welch explained how he asked Mr. Rippin to provide a ten year history of what the school as well as other Town Departments has received in capital. The school has been consistent at about ¾ million. Supt. Welch wants to make sure the appropriate school projects are funded.

Mr. Donati noted the Subcommittee worked hard to balance urgent needs.

Mr. Coughlin noted that technology requests are included in the Capital Budget.

Mr. Rippin explained that surveillance cameras are a town wide request.

The Committee discussed the fiber ring that has been installed and the benefits to the school department.

Dr. Pearrow asked about technology costs, inquiring if that meant a reduction in textbooks/paper costs. Supt. Welch noted he had not seen a significant reduction in that area.

Ms. Laprade inquired if the Committee was still going to receive a hard copy of the budget book. Mr. Rippin explained that he will provide a hard copy of the report to anyone who requests it.

Supt. Welch reviewed with the Committee the 10 year history of capital requests.

Mr. Rippin stated the school will be asking for 1.1 million dollars for capital.

Ms. White inquired as to any immediate safety needs. Mr. Rippin felt the replacement of the backstops; roof repairs and the HVAC were immediate concerns.

Ms. Briggs asked the Committee to review all the documents for next week's meeting where the discussion and vote of the Capital Budget will be on the agenda.

Ms. Briggs asked for a motion to enter Executive Session under Exemption 3, to discuss negotiations and litigation.

Mr. Bilafer motioned to enter Executive Session under Exemption 3 to discuss negotiations and litigation, Ms. White second; a roll call vote was taken:

Lisa Laprade- Yes	Joshua Donati- Yes
Melissa Pearrow- Yes	Kevin Coughlin- Yes
Tracey White- Yes	Steve Bilafer, Vice-Chair- Yes
Mayanne Briggs, Chair- Yes	

Ms. Briggs noted the Committee would not be returning to regular session.

Regular meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.