

DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES February 12, 2014

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Joe Heisler	Jen Barsamian, Vice Chair	Tom Ryan
Kevin Coughlin	Mayanne Briggs	Susan Butler-Walko
Rachel McGregor		

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

June Doe, Superintendent
Cynthia Kelly, Assistant Superintendent
Michael LaFrancesca
Kathy Gaudreau

Recognition of Oakdale Student Council Members:

Andrew Davis, Grace Doyle, Joseph Ray, Alora Olsen, Frankie DeSario, Matt Thissell, Liam Flynn, Colleen Mercer, Mallie Crowley, Macy Gorman, Mabel McCormick and Billy Parr

Recognition of Greenlodge Student Council Members :

Joshua Nazaire, Lauren Mackin, Kathryn Gentile, Terrence Vilorio, Isabelle Galvez, Jacob Laprade, Olivia Metcalf-Vera, Stephen Connell, Rachael Sieminski, Jack Fonseca, Anthony Iantosca and Joseph Stronach

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Doe recognized Mr. Paul Sullivan, Acting Principal at the Early Childhood Education Center. Mrs. Doe also recognized Marge Bohan, Health and Physical Education Director who is the recipient of this year's MIAA Women in Athletics Distinguished Service Award and was honored at the MA Girls and Women in Sports Day on Friday, February 7, 2014.

STUDENT UPDATE – Gail Coughlin

Dress rehearsal for festival on February 14th, at 7:00 p.m., opened to the public. Dress rehearsals are going good for the high school play on March 14 and 15.

CHAIRS UPDATE

The Capital Committee will be meeting Monday February 24 at 7:00 p.m.
The DEF recognition dinner has been postponed until February 27th.

REPORTS

PARCC Testing - Dr. Kelly, Assistant Superintendent, provided information regarding the Pearson PARCC Program, a new pilot testing program that may take the place of MCAS testing. 21 states are involved. Dates for the PARCC field test are on the website for the following schools:

Avery Gr. 3 ELA

Oakdale Gr. 4 ELA
Oakdale Gr. 5 Mathematics
Middle School Gr. 6 Mathematics
Middle School Gr. 7 ELA
Middle School Gr. 8 Mathematics
High School Algebra II Mathematics

1:1 Initiatives – Dr. Langenhorst, Director of Technology, High School Teacher Ms. Casali, Student Joanne Divine presented an overview and an update on the technology goals, student data, summary of student, parent and teacher surveys and testimonies. Questions from the members followed.

FY15 BUDGET VOTE

Mrs. Briggs motioned to approve the FY15 budget as presented by the Budget Sub Committee and the Administration, seconded by Mrs. Barsamian, voted unanimous.

TEC CAPITAL RESERVE

The TEC Capital reserve vote will be postponed until the next School Committee meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Heisler stated that he and Mr. LaFrancesca recently met with Virginia LeClair, the Environmental Coordinator for the Town of Dedham for information for a walking and biking trail from Dedham Square to the border of Readville with discussions and a proposal of using some of the schools' campus. Further communications will be discussed.

Mrs. Butler Walko asked for an update of the High School Advisory program for an upcoming agenda item.

Update on Food Service Programs will be on an upcoming agenda.

Mr. Ryan gave an update on the Superintendent's Screening Committee with members being sworn in by my Town Clerk, Mr. Munchbach. Dates were set for upcoming interviews.

MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Walko to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2014 School Committee Minutes, seconded by Mrs. McGregor, voted unanimous.

Motion made by Mrs. Barsamian to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2014 School Committee minutes, seconded by Mrs. Briggs, voted unanimous.

DONATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Mercer, parent of 3 children, requested information the Concussion Policy that was implemented in the District and at the middle school and Dodgeball activities.

Mrs. Doe stated that the 180th day was scheduled for June 20, but with two snow days, the last day of school now is June 24.

Mrs. Walko stated February 23 a senior fundraiser will be held at Kings in Dedham.

Mr. Ryan motioned to adjourn, Mrs. McGregor seconded, voted unanimous, meeting ended at 8:58 p.m.