

**DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
REMOTE MEETING**

MINUTES

May 19, 2021

(Approved 6/16/2021)

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT via REMOTE

PARTICIPATION:

Tracey White, Chair

Dr. Melissa Pearrow, Vice-Chair

Mayanne Briggs

Joshua Donati

Victor Hebert

Cailen McCormick

Christopher Polito

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ABSENT:

None

MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION REMOTELY PRESENT:

Michael J. Welch, Superintendent

Sam Rippin, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance

Meeting Location:

Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C.

30A sec. 20, the meeting was held via Zoom as posted on the agenda: <https://dedham-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/98807925022>

Remote meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. White read the following statement regarding the remote meeting:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings in the Town of Dedham are being conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. We have arranged for a call-in number for those who would like to listen to this meeting. While it is possible that some members of the public may be invited to comment, it is also possible

that despite our best efforts, we are not able to provide for real-time involvement, we will post a recording of this meeting as soon as we are able.

Ms. White called the School Committee meeting to order.

Ms. White took a roll call attendance:

Mayanne Briggs - Present

Joshua Donati - Present

Victor Hebert - Present

Cailen McCormick - Present

Dr. Melissa Pearrow, Vice-Chair - Present

Tracey White, Chair – Present

Christopher Polito - Present

Public Comment

Dale Meyer Curley, 28 Oakdale Avenue, asked the Committee to publically denounce community bullying around issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in the Dedham Public Schools.

Heather Springer, 57 Circuit Road, expressed support for diversity, equity and inclusion in the Dedham Public Schools and asked the Committee to publicly denounce community bullying.

Virginia Hickey, 264 East Street, expressed support for diversity, equity and inclusion in the Dedham Public Schools and LGBTQ+ students.

Sarah Smegal, 150 Monroe Street, expressed support for diversity, equity and inclusion in the Dedham Public Schools and LGBTQ+ students.

Rebecca Gates, 35 Goshen Road, inquired into when parents would be able to see the new health curriculum, diversity curriculum and changes to library books.

Shannon Tully, 62 Paul Street, upset with an incident at Oakdale Elementary School, feels parents should be notified of sensitive conversations around human sexuality before they occur in school. Parents should have the ability to opt their children out of these types of conversations.

Kara Tierney, 14 Spruce Street, expressed support for diversity, equity and inclusion in the Dedham Public Schools and LGBTQ students. She asked the Committee to denounce community bullying.

Kathleen Shortman, 277 Walnut Street, feels non-curriculum, sensitive material should be discussed with parents prior to conversations with students. Parents should have the opportunity to opt out of such conversations and safeguards should be placed around the curriculum.

Fred Civian, 24 Spruce Street, expressed support for diversity, equity and inclusion in the Dedham Public Schools and LGBTQ students.

Superintendent's Update

Supt. Welch provided the following update to the Committee:

Today was the 147th day of the 2020-21 school year. We have 23 school days left this year. Just as a reminder, the last day of school is Monday, June 21 and this is a half-day for students.

Last week on Wednesday, May 12 was National School Nurses Day. I know the Committee wishes to send thanks to all the nurses for their additional efforts invested during the pandemic over the past year. Many thanks to all of our nurses and the tremendous job they have done all year keeping us safe in the Dedham Public Schools!

Last Wednesday, May 12 all Dedham PTO's sponsored a showing of the documentary movie "*Screenagers - The Next Chapter - Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience*". Over 100 people signed up to attend the screening and panel discussion of DPS leaders addressed questions from viewers after the movie. I would like to graciously thank the PTO's for providing funding to bring this experience to parents, students and faculty/staff here in Dedham. If anyone would like to view it, a link to the movie and panel discussion will be available for the next two weeks. I encourage Committee members to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the impact of screen time and social media on our teens.

Last week Dedham High School completed annual MCAS testing in English-Language Arts (ELA) and Math for all 10th grade students. These exams were completed online and passing these exams will return as a graduation requirement for current grade 10 students (Class of 2023) this year. As many are aware, current juniors (Class of 2022) will NOT have to pass the MCAS exam as a prerequisite for a high school diploma, but many students did choose to participate this year in order to qualify for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship program. Current juniors may also participate in the exam this fall if they wish to qualify for this scholarship then.

On Monday, May 17th at Dedham's Annual Spring Town Meeting, the Dedham Public Schools FY22 Operating Budget and Capital Budgets were approved by an overwhelming majority vote. I did field a few questions from Town Meeting members including questions about the contractual pay raises included in the FY19 through FY22 Budgets, and an inquiry about the addition of \$17,500 for Equity Team Leaders in the district.

This allowed me a brief opportunity to speak with Town Meeting members about the importance of the district's ongoing work in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This work is being guided by Dr. Oneida Fox Royce, our district's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer. However, Dr. Fox Royce cannot do this work alone, and our FY22 Budget request for Equity Team Leaders was included to support a \$2500 stipend for each of our schools to enlist individuals to help develop and coordinate our efforts.

I want to also emphasize that when we say "Inclusion" in the Dedham Public Schools we mean that ALL students and families are valued, welcomed and supported in our schools and in our district. This includes families and students of all races, religions, ethnicities, beliefs, sexual orientations, abilities, and differences. In particular, I want to reassert our support for our students and families who identify as LGBTQ and affirm our welcome and acceptance of your presence in our community. We see you, we recognize you, and we support you for who you are. Thank you for choosing Dedham as your community.

I also wanted to alert the school community to a Town of Dedham event sponsored by the Dedham Human Rights Commission. Dedham's first-ever LGBTQ+ Pride Celebration and Flag Raising, will take place at Town Hall on Tuesday, June 1 at 7 p.m. There will be speeches from Rep. Paul McMurtry and a member of the Select Board, a shared blessing by four local religious leaders, reflections on the personal meaning of Pride by members of the local LGBTQ+ community, musical performances and a trivia contest with prizes from Dedham restaurants and shops. All community members are welcome and invited to attend.

As everyone is aware, on Monday this week the Baker-Polito administration announced sweeping new guidance regarding reopening plans in response to dropping rates of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth. I will address these new guidelines and their impact on the operational aspects of our district in my COVID-19 update.

This week all elementary schools completed in-person MCAS testing in ELA for students in grades 3-5. Next week the same students will complete MCAS Math testing. These tests are an abbreviated version of the typical annual exams, with only one 60-minute session for each subject.

Some members of the community may be aware that DHS Senior Jaden Thompson was severely injured in a tragic car accident in March. The community will be holding a Vigil of Hope for Jaden in conjunction with his family this Sunday, May 23rd at 6:30 PM in front of the Allin Congregational Church on 683 High Street in Dedham. Reverend Cheryl Kerr from Allin will lead attendees in positive thoughts for Jaden and his family. This is a non-denominational event and all are welcome to attend.

Last Thursday I facilitated a meeting with representatives from Dedham Parks and Recreation, Dedham Community House, the YMCA, Dedham Youth Commission, the Dedham Public Library, Dedham Police, and Dedham Country Day's Horizons Program to discuss how we could best collaborate regarding summer programming for Dedham students. This was a productive conversation, and we are currently surveying parents of all students recommended for additional summer support in Grades K-5 to help provide whatever students and families need.

On Friday, May 14 I participated in an all-day follow-up systems thinking workshop with ECEC faculty and staff to plan a Kindergarten Jump Start program for students who show increased need to improve Kindergarten readiness during their screenings this spring. Over 100 students are currently scheduled to be screened next week at the ECEC, and we hope to design and implement this program during the month of July.

I recently received word from Dedham Police Chief Mike D'Entremont that his department will be running a Citizen Police Academy informational training program this summer. Any resident is welcome to apply and there is no cost to participants. There is a maximum capacity of only 10 participants, so I encourage anyone interested to apply right away.

I am very pleased to inform the Committee that the district has received a \$5000 grant award from Norfolk County to address mental health needs in the Dedham Schools. This grant will be used to defray the costs of implementing a universal mental health screening tool within the District (PreK-12). Our Director of Counseling Services Dr. Ashley Dubé and Greenlodge Psychologist Jessica Blais combined in writing this grant and we received notification of the award last week. The grant application and award letter are in tonight's donations folder.

The annual Scully Award nominees are in!! Thank you again to all of the judges who contributed their time and effort to watch and vote on all of the best student videos this year. This year's ceremony will be virtual and is being held on Wednesday, May 26th at 7pm via Zoom. There is a banner on the DPS and DHS website that will be a live link to the awards ceremony when the event begins. There will be student hosting and multiple students presenting the nominees and announcing the winners. Please join in!

The DHS Performing Arts Company recently released a 1-minute trailer for their upcoming virtual presentation of Macbeth. The full release will take place on Friday, May 28th at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Donati and Ms. McCormick stated they supported the Superintendent's statement related to diversity and equity teaching. Ms. McCormick also inquired into how students were selected for summer programming. Supt. Welch detailed the numerous assessments and considerations by several parties to determine who would benefit from summer programming. Dr. Pearrow noted the DESE website page "Safe Schools Program for LGBTQ Students" and which discusses the protection of students rights. She inquired into Safe Schools training for staff and community. Supt Welch stated there had been training with staff in the past and he will look into sharing materials with the community.

Superintendent's COVID-19 Update

Supt. Welch provided the following COVID-19 update to the Committee:

DPH COVID-19 Case Data For Dedham									
DPH COVID-19 Data Website									
MA Map	Total	Case Count	Average Daily Incident Rate	Relative Change In	Total Tests	Total Tests	Total	Percent	Change In
Week Of	Case Count	Last 14 days	Last 14 Days	Case Counts	Total Tests	Last 14 days	Positive Tests Last 14 days	Positivity Last 14 days	Percent Positivity
May 13	2435	30	7.8	Lower	73386	2532		1.22%	Lower
May 6	2425	42	11.0	Lower	72092	2858		1.50%	Lower
Apr 29	2405	68	17.7	Lower	70771	3303		2.33%	Lower
Apr 22	2377	86	22.4	Higher	69150	3565	86	2.69%	Higher
Apr 15	2333	71	18.5	Higher	67606	3616	71	2.32%	Higher
Apr 8	2292	62	16.2	Lower	65649	3508	62	2.25%	Lower
Apr 1	2264	81	21.1	Lower	63966	3293	93	2.82%	Lower
Mar 25	2226	100	26.1	Higher	62140	3276	111	3.39%	Higher
Mar 18	2186	84	21.9	Higher	60528	3569	99	2.77%	Higher
Mar 11	2134	74	19.3	Lower	58867	3938	87	2.21%	Lower
Mar 4	2097	86	22.4	Lower	57033	3879	98	2.53%	Lower
Feb 25	2053	116	30.2	Lower	54861	3938	135	3.43%	Lower
Feb 18	2013	157	40.9	Lower	52898	4147	181	4.36%	Lower
Feb 11	1941	254	66.2	Lower	50926	4414	277	6.28%	Lower
Feb 4	1866	349	91	Higher	48783	4979	377	7.57%	Higher
Jan 28	1705	282	73.5	Higher	46410	4727	315	6.66%	Higher
Jan 21	1518	274	71.5	Lower	43770	4773	306	6.41%	Lower
Jan 14	1407	274	71.5	Higher	41732	4279	301	7.03%	Higher
Jan 7	1242	182	47.5	Lower	38972	3412	203	5.95%	Higher
Dec 31	1129	184	48	Lower	37177	3654	200	5.47%	Higher
Dec 24	1040	188	49	Higher	35496	3951	202	5.11%	Higher
Dec 17	941	176	45.9	Higher	33420	4055	190	4.69%	No Change
Dec 10	850	141	36.8	Higher	30887	3329	154	4.63%	Higher
Dec 3	760	93	24.3	Higher	28833	3058	100	3.27%	Higher
Nov 27	700	69	18	Higher	27523	3313	77	2.32%	Higher
Nov 19	655	52	13.6	Higher	25623	3132	60	1.92%	Higher
Nov 12	622	38	9.9	Lower	23997	3296	43	1.30%	Lower

For the first time since November, Dedham has risen into the “Green” category of the state’s color-coding system. There has been a significant decrease in cases in the greater Dedham community this week and there have been no additional COVID cases uncovered through the district’s pooled testing program in the past two weeks.

As of Wednesday, May 12th, the Pfizer COVID vaccine has been approved for use by young people, including ages 12 and above. Hundreds of vaccination sites are available across the state and many of these now accept walk -in appointments, including the mass vaccination sites and CVS and Walgreens pharmacies. The COVID vaccine is free for all, and no ID or insurance is needed to obtain the vaccine. On Tuesday, May 18 DESE released a memo encouraging parents to get their children vaccinated. More information on these sites, as well as safety information and helpful Q&As are all available at www.mass.gov/covidvaccine.

Pooled COVID-19 testing continues at all 7 DPS schools. We continue to urge parents to sign consents to have their children participate in this voluntary program, as it is another effective layer of protection for all faculty, staff, and students. Parents can find additional information and the consent form on the district website.

DPS COVID Testing Summary To Date:			
Totals To Date:		Positives	Percent
Pools	Tests	Cases	Positivity
1197	10,050	6	0.06%

On Monday, 5/17, the Baker-Polito administration released new reopening guidance. These recommendations were quite a dramatic departure from current regulations, and were a surprise to school superintendents and school districts. These recommendations included a declaration that all remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted effective May 29.

On the afternoon of Monday, May 17th DESE released an FAQ’s sheet responsive to the Governor’s new guidance. This sheet contained only 5 questions and answers in broad categories.

On Tuesday morning, May 18th I sent an email to the entire district indicating that we were holding off on any changes relative to this new guidance until we had a chance to confer with local health department officials and any additional subsequent guidance from DESE. On Tuesday afternoon, May 18th the MIAA sent out a statement with updated mask guidance regarding interscholastic athletic events.

Yesterday afternoon I met with DPS Director of Health Services Gail Kelley along with Dedham Health Department Director Kylee Sullivan, Dedham Board of Health Chair Leanne Jassett, School Committee Chair Tracey White, and ECEC Nurse Carol Laurino. This was our weekly scheduled COVID-19 meeting to review current case trends and guidance. We also discussed the guidance released Monday, 5/17 from the Baker-Polito administration and its appropriateness for enacting in

Dedham. Because local health officials have final say over any type of implementation timelines for the Governor's recommendations in the local community, I wanted to make sure we received approval from them. Dedham Health officials agreed that the Governor's recommendations would be appropriate for application in Dedham at this time.

This afternoon at 3:00 PM I participated in a Zoom meeting with DESE Commissioner Jeff Riley and over 300 Superintendents from around the state. The Commissioner reiterated DESE guidance that recommended schools SHOULD NOT have proms and indicated there would not be an update regarding this recommendation this year. At 3:45 PM today DESE released updated high school graduation guidelines. These are updates to the revised DESE Graduation/Commencement Guidance that was originally issued on March 22, and most recently updated on April 28.

Based on a review of all this new information, I am recommending to the School Committee that the district adopt the following new guidelines and recommendations. I am asking that the Committee endorse these recommendations, and I am sure there will be unanticipated additional issues that will require clarification.

After questions from the Committee, Supt. Welch added that there has not been any requirement from DESE regarding if vaccinations will be required for students in the fall. The High School is following DESE and the Board of Health's recommendation not to hold a prom this year. He is hoping Graduation will be able to be held in traditional format on Veteran's Field. Director of Health Service Gail Kelley will try to compile data on the percentage of staff members that have been vaccinated.

Reports/Updates

Summer Transitioning Programming

Foreign Language Teacher Chris Nadeau updated the Committee on TREK and LINK CREW programs that will take place this summer.

TREK Summer Program:

- Coordinator Chris Nadeau, Asst. Coordinator Sarah Ascenzo
- Transition program for incoming 6th graders to DMS
- Dates: June 23rd-July 9 (except July 5) from 8pm-12:30pm
- \$375 or \$50 for free/reduced lunch (Self-funded)
- Students complete summer math and reading, STEM classes, Google class, TREKreation, and learn all about DMS
- Currently 79 incoming 6th graders signed up (out of 171)
- Looking into options for transportation
- Working with PTO's and principals to increase enrollment
- In-person for the summer of 2021

Link Crew Orientation Program

- Advisers- Julie Sweetman and Chris Nadeau
- Open to all incoming 9th graders to DHS
- Virtual orientation and in-person tour at the end of August

- All Juniors and Seniors are eligible to apply to be Link Leaders, ideally to reflect student population
- Link Crew members meet regularly with freshman through first half of the year and can continue to support on individual basis after midterm
- No cost, funded out of operating budget
- Two day event – Virtual and In-person

Instructional Coaching through the Pandemic

The following faculty presented to the Committee:

Dr. Linda Kobierski, PK-8 STEM Curriculum Coordinator

Dr. Heather Smith, PK-8 Humanities Curriculum Coordinator

Ashley Bodkins, Greenlodge Elementary School Principal

Kimberly Hermes, Oakdale Elementary School Principal

Edward Paris, Riverdale Elementary School Principal

Dr. Clare Sullivan, Avery Elementary School Principal

Kimberly Taylor, Early Childhood Education Center Principal

The presentation is available on the district website. The report contained a list of new teacher software, remote and hybrid learning paths for educators, a typical elementary coaching schedule, a coaching menu used by staff during the pandemic, supporting differentiated instruction, supporting assessment in and out of the classroom, adapting to changing needs, and coaching and professional development at DMS. Instructional Coaches Nina Mancinelli, Kristen Cannon and Michelle Canty touched on some personal experiences including aspects of technology that derived from the pandemic that they will continue to use moving forward. The Committee was pleased to hear from the Instructional Coaches.

End of Year Events for DMS

Ms. Hillman explained that the rolling rally for the 8th grade promotion ceremony was such a success last year, she would like to hold it again this year. She would like to be able to include all staff in the process. In order for this to occur, she is requesting an early release day for Dedham Middle School on June 18 at 11:45am. The rolling rally would then be able to begin at 12:30pm. The rolling rally would help to elevate constraints from the pandemic. Because this half day is not on the calendar, the Committee does need to take a vote. Supt. Welch expressed his support for this idea. The half day would only be for the Middle School as elementary schools have adequate space for end of year celebrations. Ms. Hillman has also spoken to her principal colleagues to make sure this event will not interfere with any events taking place at other schools.

Ms. Briggs motioned to approve the calendar change on June 18, 2021 to a half day of school for Dedham Middle School, only, to host the rolling rally promotion ceremony, Dr. Pearrow second; a roll call vote was taken:

Mayanne Briggs - Yes

Joshua Donati – Yes

Victor Hebert – Yes

Cailen McCormick – Yes
Christopher Polito - Yes
Dr. Melissa Pearrow, Vice-Chair – Yes
Tracey White, Chair - Yes
Motion passed 7-0

End of Year Events for DHS

Mr. Forrest is reviewing the new regulations to put together a proper celebration for the class of 2021. He is hopeful a traditional graduation will be held. Other important dates for seniors are:

- May 24- Last day of classes for seniors in good standing and clap-out
- June 1- Graduation rehearsal and Class Night
- June 2- Cookout
- June 4- Graduation rehearsal
- June 5- Graduation, rain date June 6

Mr. Forrest also announced that Bryan McDonough is the Class of 2021 valedictorian and Jack Fonseca is salutatorian. The guest speaker for graduation will be Director of Health Services Gail Kelley.

Old/New Business

TEC Collaborative Update

Supt. Welch noted that at the last TEC meeting, the Collaborative announced that an \$800,000 loan for PPE was forgiven.

Feedback and Vote on Superintendent's Goals 2021-2022

Supt. Welch reviewed his goals that he presented at the May 5 meeting. He noted he made changes based on the feedback from the Committee.

Professional Practice Goals:

1) Support and guide the district through the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. By September 2021, develop screening mechanisms to provide data that will accurately assess overall district needs. Provide to the district an analysis of and resources for possible regression and design academic, social, and emotional programming to remediate necessary learning losses and social/emotional needs and/or support services for student/family/community well being. This will be a multi-year process with ongoing student and programming assessments including a review of summer 2021 supports.

2) Attend, present, and participate in available regional and statewide educational leadership organizations and professional development opportunities to better evaluate and incorporate “best practices” in the Dedham Public Schools.

1. Summer, Mid-Winter, and Spring M.A.S.S. Superintendent Meetings/Conferences
2. M.A.S.C./M.A.S.S. Annual Fall Convention
3. Monthly Tri-County Superintendent Roundtables
4. Monthly T.E.C. Superintendent Meetings
5. Bi-Monthly Superintendents Meetings with Teachers21 and William James College

3) Continue to seek better work/life balance through improved distribution and allocation of high-level district leadership tasks. Limit evening obligations to an average of three nights per week during the school year.

Student Learning Goal

1) Provide guidance, support, and training to all Leadership Team members and educators to better analyze data regarding student academic learning performance. In October 2021, provide to the district an analysis of all available state and local data to evaluate the effectiveness of educational services delivered throughout the district. Analyze and promote understanding of district, school, grade-level, and student growth measures as a focal point for increases in student learning.

2) Continue to guide the evolution of the district's knowledge of and improved practices regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion. Provide data-based evaluation and updates to practice and student learning outcomes based upon in-depth study of available metrics.

Recruit middle and high school students to regularly include student voice in this ongoing district work. Work collaboratively with Dr. Ian Kelly and Dr. Oneida Fox Royce to advance the contractually agreed upon 15 hour Implicit Bias/Cultural Proficiency training to at least 50% of employees by June 2022 during allocated professional development time. Use the **DESE Diverse and Culturally Responsive Educator Workforce Program** as a best practice guide to support district efforts in diversifying our workforce.

District Improvement Goals

1) By January 5, 2022, coordinate with school, district, and community stakeholders to develop the district's next 5-year strategic plan. Present to the School Committee for review and public vetting prior to endorsement by Committee vote in spring 2022.

2) By November 15, 2021 work with the SBRC and the MSBA to complete the Feasibility Planning process. Use the MSBA's process timeline to prepare/complete all documents and submit all appropriate correspondence in advance of MSBA deadlines. Prepare and present warrant agenda article to fund the Feasibility Phase of the Oakdale Elementary School repair/replacement process at Fall 2021 Dedham Town Meeting.

3) Work with all stakeholders (including Town of Dedham and Norfolk County officials) to strategically plan the ongoing utilization of one-time ESSER 1, 2, and 3 funds to equitably serve the needs of all students and families in the Dedham Public Schools. Meet monthly with the Town Manager to monitor the allocation and disbursement of these funds through June 2023 and provide fall, winter, and spring updates to the Budget Subcommittee throughout this sequence.

Ms. Briggs asked to postpone the vote of the Superintendent's goals to the next meeting to be allowed more time to review the changes. Chair White approved the postponement.

Discussion and Vote of School Choice Participation

Details regarding School Choice can be found on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) website.

Supt. Welch recommended to the Committee to **not** participate in the state's School Choice program. Voting not to participate means students from other districts will not be allowed to choose Dedham as an alternate school choice. The state's reimbursement of funds does not cover the per pupil expenditure in Dedham. The Superintendent is mandated to report to DESE by June 1 whether the

district will or will not participate in the School Choice Program. This decision requires a vote from the Committee.

Mr. Polito motioned to support the Superintendent's recommendation **not** to participate in the State's School Choice program, Ms. Briggs second; a roll call vote was taken:

Mayanne Briggs - Yes

Joshua Donati – Yes

Victor Hebert – Yes

Cailen McCormick – Yes

Christopher Polito - Yes

Dr. Melissa Pearrow, Vice-Chair – Yes

Tracey White, Chair - Yes

Motion passed 7-0

Subcommittee Updates

Budget Subcommittee

The Budget Subcommittee met last night to discuss ESSER 1 and 2 allocations as well as COVID-19 relief funding.

Donations

Ms. Briggs motioned to accept with grateful appreciation a grant in the amount of \$5000 from the Norfolk County District Attorney's office to the Dedham Public Schools to support mental health programs, Mr. Hebert second; a roll call vote was taken:

Mayanne Briggs - Yes

Joshua Donati – Yes

Victor Hebert – Yes

Cailen McCormick – Yes

Christopher Polito - Yes

Dr. Melissa Pearrow, Vice-Chair – Yes

Tracey White, Chair - Yes

Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Polito motioned to accept with grateful appreciation a donation from Dedham Savings Bank in the amount of \$2,000, \$1,000 to the Dedham High School Marching Band and \$1,000 to the Performing Arts Company, to offset the loss of ticket sales, Mr. Hebert second; a roll call vote was taken:

Mayanne Briggs - Yes

Joshua Donati – Yes
Victor Hebert – Yes
Cailen McCormick – Yes
Christopher Polito - Yes
Dr. Melissa Pearrow, Vice-Chair – Yes
Tracey White, Chair - Yes
Motion passed 7-0

Minutes

Ms. Briggs motioned to approve the minutes from April 28, 2021 as presented, Ms. McCormick second; a roll call vote was taken:

Mayanne Briggs - Yes
Joshua Donati – Yes
Victor Hebert – Yes
Cailen McCormick – Yes
Christopher Polito - Yes
Dr. Melissa Pearrow, Vice-Chair – Yes
Tracey White, Chair - Yes
Motion passed 7-0

Dr. Pearrow motioned to approve the minutes from May 5, 2021 as presented, Ms. Briggs second; a roll call vote was taken:

Mayanne Briggs - Yes
Joshua Donati – Yes
Victor Hebert – Yes
Cailen McCormick – Yes
Christopher Polito – Yes
Dr. Melissa Pearrow, Vice-Chair – Yes
Tracey White, Chair - Yes
Motion passed 7-0

Acknowledgements and Announcements

The Committee acknowledged former School Committee member Lisa Laprade for her six years of service on the School Committee.

Ms. Briggs motioned to adjourn the meeting of May 19, 2021, Mr. Hebert second; a roll call vote was taken:

Mayanne Briggs - Yes

Joshua Donati – Yes

Victor Hebert – Yes

Cailen McCormick – Yes

Christopher Polito - Yes

Dr. Melissa Pearrow, Vice-Chair – Yes

Tracey White, Chair - Yes

Motion passed 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.