

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING—May 26, 2010**  
**Town Hall, Lower Conference Room**

**PRESENT**

**Tom Ryan, Chair**  
**Kevin Coughlin, Vice Chair**  
**Tracy Driscoll**  
**Dave Roberts**  
**Joe Heisler**  
**Dimitria Sullivan**  
**Mayanne Briggs**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**June M. Doe, Superintendent**  
**Cynthia Kelly, Asst. Superintendent**  
**Michael La Francesca, Business Manager**  
  
**Erica White, Student Representative**

**Convened: 7:00 PM**

**Adjourned: 9:02 PM**

Vice Chair Kevin Coughlin opened the meeting. (Mr. Ryan arrived shortly thereafter). Mr. Bob Crisp asked to address the School Committee to inform the public of a committee that has been established to raise the funds necessary to install lights on the new athletic complex at the high school. \$275,000.00 will need to be raised to accomplish this. The committee has already received a grant from Dedham Savings Bank in the amount of \$75,000.00 and has contacted numerous other businesses, alumni, and other organizations. They are also creating a “Walk of Fame” where individuals can purchase a brick at various prices. Information is available on [www.dedhamhigh.alumni.org](http://www.dedhamhigh.alumni.org). The goal is to raise the money by September in order to install the lights during the construction.

**The Committee recognized** John Rocha and Marianne Hage, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from the Middle School. They received the Middle Level Scholar Leaders Award. Principal Gately provided additional background on the process. The criteria for being chosen to receive this award include demonstrating academic initiative and scholarship, providing service to classmates and school, exemplifying positive attitudes, and demonstrating leadership in the classroom and school activities.

**The Committee recognized** Dedham High School’s Student Council members. Principal Santamaria introduced Ms. Christina Gamel, faculty advisor to the Council. Members of the Student Council include: Nicole Saleme, Sabrina Fahy, Anthony Hage, and Erin Pike.

**The Committee recognized** the Elementary New England Math League Top Scorers. Mrs. Nancy Clements, along with the elementary principals introduced the winners. The students had to complete 50 problems in 30 minutes.

Avery School: Grade 4 students are: Habib Rahman, Max DesRoches, Ross Dillon, DJ Ingrassia, Summer Darcey, Elijah Lorenzana Pena, and Caroline Bell. Grade 4 students are: Vitaliy Andrusyshyn, Sabrina Ciampa, Brendan Hart, Dolores Sula, John Carter, and Gregory Pasciuto.

Oakdale School: Grade 4 students are: Dan Perno, Abby Jenest, Lindsay Carlson, Dylan Maida, and Kyle Micciche. Grade 5 students are: Kyle McGahan (Perfect Score), Jake Tighe, Dan Emery, Andrew Springer, and Emma Tolley.

Greenlodge School: Grade 4 students are: Ryan Flynn, Olivia Stipo, Jacqueline Lewman, Andrew Czazasty, Julianne Chiurokas, Kalyn Ashby, and Caroline Barkowitz. Grade 5 students are: Sean Johnson, Benjamin Grant, William Padgett, Bryan Sieminiski, and Emmanuelle Fried.

Riverdale School: Grade 4 students are: Mimi Cabot, Georgia Cabot, William McCaig, Nicholas Mercuri, Kate Neill, and Leo Pandolfi. Grade 5 students are: James Duncan, Richie Hiltz, Alex Heilmann, Lauren Walter, and Simon Zylstra.

Congratulations to all the students and their parents.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE**

Mrs. Doe recognized Principal Santamaria to provide an update on some items. Mr. Santamaria acknowledged and thanked Assistant Principal Murray for his efforts on the newly developed Credit Recovery Program. The completion of the program resulted in twenty-one seniors graduating. The first Summer School will be

operating this summer from July 6 through August 5. A brochure is being created. Twelve teachers applied for four positions. It will be a combination of on-line and face-to-face instruction. The Bay State Conference has granted Dedham High School a waiver to play in the Herget Division for the 2011-12 year. Scheduling prohibited the waiver from being applied this year.

Mrs. Doe recognized the events at Town Meeting and Town Meeting Members who supported the article on energy management for the town's infrastructure. The school department is very appreciative of the support given for the Siemens Project. These are going to be major projects that will be accomplished outside of our capital project budgets.

The Superintendent's Recognition Dinner was held last evening at the MIT Endicott House for students and their parents. It was a very nice evening.

Class night is next Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and graduation is Wednesday night, June 2, 2010.

## **CHAIR'S UPDATE**

None

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Superintendent Doe recognized Ms. White's last official report as Student Representative. She reported on the Spring Sports Banquet and the upcoming graduation events. She expressed her thanks to the School Committee and Administrators for the opportunity to represent the students at the meetings and for her education. The Chair presented her with a gift as a token of the committee's appreciation.

## **REPORTS**

**Summer Reading Program** – High School presented by Dr. John Laflamme

The program is designed for various groups of students at the school and takes into account the skill and interest levels.

The program will remain the same as last year for entering 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Changes in the program were made in grades 10-12. The greatest changes are occurring at the CP1 and CP2 level. There are three options available to them. Option 1 the program remains the same as in the past. Option 2 is to form discussion groups of 5-7 students and during the summer they will have three posting periods. Teachers will monitor discussions and will pose questions to the groups. Option 3 is called "share a book with an adult". They will be required to have 3 discussions with the adult and a set of criteria to follow. Honors students will have three tasks and be required to write an essay. AP Language and Composition will read "*On Writing Well*" by William Zinnser and apply techniques from this book to one of the required reading books with a total of four tasks to complete. Similarly, AP Literature and Composition will read "*How to Read Literature Like a Professor*" by Thomas C. Foster and apply techniques from this book to one of the required reading books with at total of four tasks to complete.

**Greenlodge School Improvement Plan** – presented by Principal Kiewlicz

It is a two year plan 2009-2011. Copies of the plan were given to committee members in advance of the presentation. Principal Kiewlicz wanted to publicly thank the school council members for their input and assistance.

The Chair thanked the committee for the work put into the plan.

**Oakdale School Improvement Plan** – presented by Ms. Heather Rudolphson and Ms. Nina Mancinelli (Principal Armstrong was unable to attend).

It is a two year plan 2010-2012. Copies of the plan were given to committee members in advance of the presentation. Ms. Mancinelli recognized two members of the school council, Mrs. Ann Mercer and Mrs. Monika Wilkinson, who were present.

The Chair thanked the teachers and the committee for the work put into the plan.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

## **DONATIONS**

We received our annual donation from the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office for \$250.00 for "Graduation Safety Grant". The money goes to post-Prom and post-Graduation events.

We received a donation from the DMSPG in the amount of \$7500.00. The breakout is as follows:

\$2500.00 Library Books – MS

\$3000.00 classroom novels for MS

\$1000.00 towards wireless microphones

\$1000.00 towards the "Lights" fundraiser at the High School.

Ms. Sullivan moved, with grateful appreciation, seconded by Mr. Roberts, also with grateful appreciation, and it was **VOTED: Unanimous** to accept the donations.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – taken out of order**

Mrs. Butler asked the School Committee to spread the word about Abitibi – the paper recycling program at the Middle School set up to support Dedham Schools. Proceeds from the recycling are given back to the school. The Chair committed to promote the program on the school side through newsletters the schools distribute.

Mr. Frank Mahoney spoke in support of Coach Jim Maher.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion and vote on one additional early release day for 2010-2011 school year. September 22, 2010 is the proposed date for mandated training on Bullying Legislation for the entire staff.

Motion made by Mr. Heisler, and seconded by Ms. Sullivan to approve an additional release day for 2010-11.

Approved: Unanimous 7:0

## **OTHER**

Vote on Title 1 Memorandum of Agreement. 4% increase over a three year contract and on additional personal day.

Motion made by Mr. Roberts, and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the Title 1 Contract as presented.

Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Vote to Approve FY11 School budget as approved at the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. La Francesca reviewed the final numbers for approval. The new Personnel amount is \$ 24,531,001.00 and the new Non-Personnel amount is \$7,984,099.00 for a total budget of: \$32,536,500.00.

Motion made by Ms. Briggs, and seconded by Ms. Sullivan to approve the FY11 as voted on at Town Meeting.

Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Mrs. Doe provided information regarding the RTTT Grant – Phase II. We have been communicating with Mr. Dwyer, Union President. In Phase I, Dedham did not qualify because we did not have a signature from the Union President. Since then, Mrs. Doe and Mr. Dwyer have had follow up conversations. The MTA and other unions took a strong position endorsing applications for the phase II money and urging local presidents to endorse it. After meeting today, Mr. Dwyer remains firm in his personal conviction he is opposed to this and the executive board supports his decision. Therefore we will not be able to participate in Phase II.

Update on SBRC meeting held. Vote to add to the add-all list a proposal to remove the bridge attaching the pool to the back of the high school. There is some concern with the structure of the passageway. It will not impact any operations within the high school. The other issue discussed was the potential cost of finishing the sidewalk on Recreation Road and the pool field and install a sidewalk on the far side of the fields from High Street to the front door of the pool.

Motion to adjourn: Made by Mr. Roberts, and seconded by Ms. Briggs. Approved: Unanimous

**Open meeting adjourned at: 9:02 p.m.**