

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 3, 2013**

**MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

June Doe, Superintendent  
Cynthia Kelly, Assistant Superintendent  
Michael LaFrancesca, Assistant to the Superintendent for Business  
Kathy Gaudreau, Director of Special Education

Meeting began at 7:05

**Recognition of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students - Future Problem Solvers**

Mrs. Wilconson, Oakdale parent expanded on a most recent endeavor, the Future Problem Solvers with four Oakdale elementary students who competed in this rigorous program on March 23, 2013. Mrs. Wilconson introduced the students: Macy Gorman, Brian McDonough, Ryan Roberts, and John Wilconson who commented on their favorite challenge.

**STUDENT REPORT**

Class of 2013 performed the performance *Footloose*, the Girls Softball Team scored 24-1, Girls Lacrosse scored 14-5, and Boys Lacrosse scored 4-2. The Prom is April 26<sup>th</sup>. The seniors are narrowing their college searches.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

The Spelling Bee is this Friday at 6:00pm – to support the Dedham Education Foundation  
**EVERY SCHOOL** fourth grade students visited the Tsongas Industrial History Center at Lowell National Historical Park and the Lowell Mills. They participated in the Workers on the Line program. The students experienced working on an assembly line. They learned about how this work changed with the Industrial Revolution and the outside factors impacting the labor of children at the time. This field trip was made possible through a Dedham Education Foundation grant, supplemented through PTO funding. The fifth grade will be holding a bottle and can drive on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 12 noon. The funds raised through the bottle and can drives help to fund the many fifth grade activities.

**DEDHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL-** National Geographic Geography Bee - Congratulations to grade 8 student Alex Heilmann who will be representing Dedham Middle School at Worcester Academy on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> for the state level competition of the National Geographic Geography Bee. The winner of this competition will advance to the national competition in Washington, DC. American Legion Essay Contest Winners - Congratulations to grade 7 students Olivia Stipo, Shanaya Theodore and Marley Belanger for being selected as winners in the American Legion essay contest.  
Spelling Bee Participants - Congratulations to the following students who have qualified as spelling bee participants at the DEF Annual Spelling Bee on April 5<sup>th</sup>

**GRADE 6**

Peter Chirokas  
 Alex Lapsys  
 Patricia Somera  
 Francesca Murphy  
 Gina Pasciuto  
 Jacinda Sterlin

**GRADE 7**

Caroline Barkowitz  
 Caroline Bell  
 Lori Nguyen  
 Kailyn Ashby  
 Marley Belanger  
 Rena Coben

**GRADE 8**

Jim Duncan  
 Greg Pasciuto  
 Jacob Putman  
 Alex Heilmann  
 Kyle McGahan  
 Medes Esteban

**ECEC:** The ECEC PTO, through the generous guidance of the John Thomas and Special Friends Fund, is the recipient of a \$1500 grant and a day of service from Kohls Cares, the community outreach arm of Kohls. On Saturday, April 20th, from 9 until noon, Kohls employees will join ECEC families and staff to undertake two ambitious projects: building and planting raised bed gardens and stenciling games and maps onto the asphalt area along the side of the school. This will be a fun day for ECEC students and their families to work together on a project that will have an immediate and positive impact on the school! If you are interested in participating, please call the school at 781-461-5978. Pizza and bottled water will be provided at noon

**RIVERDALE** - concluded its first ever "Sock it to Homelessness" sock drive on Friday, April 5. This initiative was started by a group of fifth grade boys who want to help homeless men, women and children. Fifth graders at Riverdale took a trip to Dedham Middle School in order to enjoy the spring musical Into the Woods. This is an annual event Riverdale fifth graders eagerly anticipate. Next Wednesday, April 10, Officer Ron Pucci and Library Media Specialist Ingrid Mayyasi will speak on Internet safety, including the topics including texting and cyber bullying. The talk will be given during the April 10 PTO meeting, beginning at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**GREENLODGE**

Fourth graders from Greenlodge traveled to Lowell this week to learn about life in the mills. This worthwhile trip supports the social studies curriculum. Part of the trip is funded through a grant from the Dedham Education Foundation. We appreciate the DEF's generosity in support of our students. Greenlodge fifth graders joined the fifth graders from all of the other elementary schools at the Dedham Middle School today to see the musical "Into the Woods" put on by the DMS students. We have successfully completed the MCAS ELA testing with the completion of our last makeup test today. Our teachers and students worked very hard to prepare for their test. The students put great effort into each test and we look forward to seeing the results.

**REPORTS**

Director of the Food Service Dept. Jeanne Johnson presented information to the School Committee regarding projected increases in the lunch program. The financial impact is approx. \$58,000. Mrs. Johnson is asking to increase school lunch due to state mandates.

Lunch increase proposal \$2.50 to \$2.75  
Middle School \$2.75 to \$3.00  
High School - \$2.75 and \$3.00 to \$3.50  
Teachers Lunches \$3.75 to \$4.50

The Budget Sub Committee had voted last week to approve the increase.

Mrs. Butler-Walko made the motion to approve the increases above, Mr. Ryan seconded. Roll call vote taken - Mayanne Briggs, Chair-yes Joe Heisler, Vice Chair-yes Kevin Coughlin-yes  
Jen Barsamian-yes Dimitria Sullivan-yes Tom Ryan-yes  
Susan Butler-Walko-yes  
Voted unanimous.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS:**

Superintendent Doe highlighted the Superintendent's goals.

-Website established for parents, every teacher will have their own web page, classroom pages have been created.

-Preparing the Teacher Evaluation Tool.

-Negotiations are still on-going.

-Construction – successfully achieved occupancy at the Avery School. MSBA – statement of interest at the Dexter site to re-establish the ECEC. Received approval in January received indication of eligibility period. Being urged to submit the data.

-Negotiations – all contracts in the same year.

-Instructional Leadership – Promote ....improvement on instructional practice. Data team. Budget that we are requesting for next year, looking forward to town meeting

Mrs. Briggs read the scales:

Overall average is 3.73.

Family and community – website

Communication –

Professional Development 3.8

Construction – 4.0

Negotiations – 3.8

Leadership - 3.5

Finance - 4.0

### **OTHER UPDATES:**

ECEC Teachers Paul Sullivan and Julie Lally presented thank you letters to April and Shawn Wilmar for the Ipads and Ipad cases that were recently donated to the Early Childhood Education Center from the John Thomas and Special Friends Fund.

The New telephone system, ours will be programmed next week.

The Sophomore High School students are selling ties, to benefit the sophomore class.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Coughlin motioned to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting, Mrs. Barsamian seconded. Voted unanimous.

Mr. Heisler motioned to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2013 meeting, Mrs. Butler Walko seconded. Voted unanimous.

### **DONATIONS:**

1. Dedham Alumni Association \$3000 for safety net
2. Dedham Alumni Association donated a glass case for the library
3. Dedham Education Partnership donated \$400 to translate documents
4. 8 Ipads cases from the ECEC PTO for kindergarten classes, thanked Best Buy
5. 2 Ipads and Ipad cases from John Thomas and Special Friends Funds
6. ECEC received a \$1500 grant from Kohl's Cares, building and planting bed gardens and stenciling
7. Oakdale – Christine Doyle and State Street Global Operations, will provide \$250 grant to the location she volunteers. Using the grant money for the Oakdale Library
8. Kenmore Refridgerator to be used in the teacher's room donated by James and Cheryl Malloy

Motion made by Mr. Heisler to accept the above donations and seconded by Mrs. Barsamian with grateful appreciation, voted unanimous.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Briggs extended her appreciation to Mrs. Sullivan for her hard work on the board on behalf of the School Committee. Jackie Sullivan thanked her mother on behalf of the high school students. Carmen Dellolocono recognized Mrs. Sullivan and presented a plaque on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Sullivan thanked the staff and her family. Mr. Ryan congratulated and thanked Mrs. Sullivan and the DEP which has been extremely successful.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion made by Mrs. Sullivan to adjourn, voted unanimous.