

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 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 previously opened from the Executive Session earlier.
Meeting began at 7:11

Cable TV Presentation - PowerPoint presentation by Mr. James Dellot that included classroom interviews, and student work on the educational channel.

STUDENT REPORT

The boys' ice hockey and boys' basketball teams made it to the first round at the MIAA Tournament and played very well. The girls basketball team beat Boston English in the first round of the MIAA Tournament. The DHS Drama Guild competed in the MA Drama Festival March 2, 2nd year DHS has performed. Fern Kaufman won an award for her performance. On Monday, March 4, Dr. McCormick, Director of Guidance held her 2nd coffee hour for parents. Last night parent teacher conferences were held and a college search. Guidance staff explained to parents and student the college search process. The Peace Corps panel will be making an appearance on March 8th. Also on March 8th, Noah Littman will be rehearsing for all the all eastern district festival. Mr. McCarthy will hosting a coffee hour on March 2nd in the DHS Café at 6:30. The Senior class will be performing *Footloose* on March 15th and March 16th in the DHS auditorium starting at 7:00. Spring sports start Monday March 18 – all forms can be picked up in the main office and physicals must have been completed within the last 13 months. The winter athletic booster banquet will take place on March 19th. The ELA MCAS test will be administered to sophomores on March 19th, 21st and 22nd. Sophomore semi formal will take place at the Endicott Estate on Friday March 22nd at 7:00 pm. The mandatory parent and student athlete meeting for spring sports will take place in the auditorium on March 26 at 6:30 p.m.

REPORTS

Early Childhood Education Program presentation by Principal Dr. Hammond, ECEC staff members and parents.

ECEC is the gateway to the Dedham Public Schools since 1993. There are 357 students that attend ECEC, 129 preschoolers between ages 3-5. There are 11 preschool sessions, one day is a full day session, and ten half day sessions varying from 2 half days, 3 half days and 5 half days. Of the 357 students, there are 228 kindergarten students between the ages of 5-6. Three kindergarten sessions (with 68 students) are half day sessions, and eight full day sessions (with 160 students). The majority of the students attend the full day.

Dr. Hammond presented a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Sullivan, teacher at ECEC, spoke about being ahead of the curve and the sense of pride for students in the building. Mrs. Gaudreau, Director of Special Education spoke about the special education programs and the programs that contain OT, PT, gross motor, fine motor, and the reading buddy's program. Parents complimented on the ECEC staff and their programs emphasizing the full day program.

DONATIONS

Mrs. Doe read a letter from April and John Wilmar, Co-Founders of the John Thomas and Special Friends Fund who donated \$500 to the DPS Special Education program plus 2-two ipad donations for "iPads for Special Kids" program, for the use at the Dedham Middle School in the PILOT program with Mary Byrne, the Special Education Teacher, and also for and the speech therapists at the Early Childhood Education Center. Motion made by Mr. Heisler with grateful appreciation seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko with grateful appreciation to accept \$500 and 2 iPads from April and John Wilmar, voted unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Oakdale School had their curriculum night on February 7th and recently celebrated National Read America hosting their Celebrity Guest Readers Program. Grades 3,4,5 students have been participating in the Mock MCAS this week.

Avery School had their curriculum night on February 27th. Avery celebrated World Read Aloud Day and Dr. Seuss' birthday today, followed by a parade of students in their storybook character costumes and members of the high school basketball team visited the classrooms to read aloud their favorite stories. Avery congratulates students on their participation in the Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart program. Students jumped rope and shot baskets in physical education classes to earn \$3,122.70 for the American Heart Association.

Riverdale School – all students and teachers were encouraged to participate in Crazy Socks Day in honor of Dr. Seuss Day. Today students in grades 1,2,3 enjoyed a presentation featuring the Tanglewood Marionettes, sponsored by the Riverdale PTO.

Middle School – progress reports for term 3 were distributed yesterday. Open house for incoming grades 6, 7 & 8 students will be held on Tuesday March 12th. There will be a presentation by the special education department at 5:30. Dr. McCormick will also be present to assist parents of current grade 8 students with scheduling process for grade 9 and to answer any questions regarding Dedham High School.

CHAIRS UPDATE

Dedham Education Foundation Annual Spelling Bee will be held March 5th

Several DHS and DMS students participated in a show at the Dedham Community House

The All night Graduation Party will hold a trivia contest at the Son's of Italy on March 8th.

2013-2014 PROPOSED SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Proposed school calendar for 2013-2014 was presented and voted on with school starting on Sept 4th The last day of school ends June 20th and the 185th day is June 27th. There are 5 days of professional development days.

Mr. Heisler motioned to accept the 2013-2014 school calendar, Mr. Coughlin seconded. Vote 5-2 in favor of accepting the 2013-14 Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Butler thanked Dr. McCormick for the Guidance Information Night.

MINUTES:

Mr. Coughlin motioned to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2013 School Committee minutes, Mr. Heisler seconded, voted unanimous.

Mr. Heisler motioned to accept the minutes of the January 3, 2013 Executive Session, Mr. Coughlin seconded, voted unanimous.

Mrs. Butler-Walko motioned to accept the minutes of the January 30, 2013 meeting, Mr. Heisler seconded, voted unanimous.

Mr. Heisler motioned to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2013 meeting, Mrs. Butler-Walko seconded, voted unanimous.

Mr. Heisler motioned to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting, Ms. Barsamian seconded. Mr. Ryan abstained, voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Mr. Coughlin motioned to adjourn, Mr. Ryan seconded, voted unanimous.
Meeting ended at 8:53.