

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
February 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

Meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY14 SCHOOL BUDGET:

Motion made by Mrs. Sullivan and seconded by Mrs. Barsamian to open Public Hearing on FY14 Budget. Roll call vote: Mr. Coughlin – YES, Mr. RYAN – YES, Mrs. Barsamian – YES, Mrs. Sullivan – YES, Mrs. Butler-Walko – YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES. Voted Unanimous.

Chair of the Budget Sub Committee Mrs. Butler-Walko thanked the Superintendent Doe and Assistant to the Superintendent for Business and Finance, Mr. LaFrancesca, for their hard work putting together the FY14 Budget which includes a 1.9 increase from FY13, announcing that The School Committee will not be voting on FY14 Budget tonight, but will discuss it.

Michael LaFrancesca presented a PowerPoint Presentation, and Mrs. Doe explained the goals accomplished in the 2012-13 school year which included an iPad Initiative, new District Website, Implementation of *Treasures* Literacy Program, a Science and Engineering Curriculum for Grade 8, a new Social Studies Curriculum and texts for Grades 6 and 7, and a revised Math curriculum for Grades 7 & 8. Changes include the required obligations to Special Education Out-of-District Tuition and Special Education Transportation. non-personnel, personnel and new positions are additional changes. Mr. LaFrancesca explained the budget calendar between Oct. 1 and May 20, 2013, budget history, budget drivers, and salary breakdown. Mrs. Briggs thanked the Administration and Budget Sub Committee for their hard work, and discussions followed. Powerpoint Presentation on the DPS website.

No Public Comment. Motion made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko to close the public hearing, roll call vote taken: Mr. Coughlin – YES, Mr. RYAN – YES, Mrs. Barsamian – YES, Mrs. Sullivan – YES, Mrs. Butler-Walko – YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES. Voted unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:

MIDDLE SCHOOL- Report cards were distributed for terms 2 on February 1st. Project 351 – 8th grade student Olivia Corrado who was selected by the DMS faculty to participate in Governor Patrick's day of service on January 26, 2013 involving grade 8 students from the 351 cities and town in Massachusetts. DMS Parent Group sponsored a speaker at the middle school who presented on the "Myths of Marijuana". Paul Hallion, retired public school health educator presented to parents from both the middle school and high school. The presentation will be rebroadcast on the Dedham Education Channel.

OAKDALE –Students in grade 4 participated in the NAEP testing on Jan. 30th. Oakdale was randomly chosen along with the Avery School by the DESE to participate in this National Assessment. The students were tested in either Reading or Math.

ECEC – Dr. Joyce and Mr. Sullivan read the story Heartprints by P.K. Hallinan to children

Greenlodge – 4th and 5th graders are participating in the Greenlodge Children’s Book Award, a reading incentive program organized by reading specialists Maura Shevory and Lauren Patts. Bamboo the dog visited Mrs. Ridgway’s fifth grade class and Ms. Magnacca’s fourth grade class last week.

Greenlodge Student Council is sponsoring the “race to 100 Food Drive from 7-14. Each grade level is being asked to bring different types of needed item. The first grade level to reach one hundred items will get a 15 Minute extra recess to enjoy.

CHAIR’S UPDATE:

Newsletter will be posted on the website and local papers in 2 weeks. Budget presentation will be on the district homepage. TEC Collaborate named Liz McGonagle as the new Director of the TEC Program.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

Dr. Cynthia Kelly presented a PowerPoint Presentation. The goal is to improve student achievement in all grades. The schedule for this year: September 27, 2012, November 6, 2012, December 4, 2012, January 31, 2013, Upcoming sessions: March 12, 2013, May 2, 2013.

Elementary Early Release Days:

- Literacy with Karen Munson, M.Ed., McGraw Hill
- Science with Ruth Dorsey, Oakdale School
- Common Core Math Standards and Everyday Math – with Nancy Clement and Bonnie O’Neill, Math Coaches

Secondary Early Release Days:

- Dedham Middle School – Departmental and Grade Level Curriculum Review including CCSS alignment with Department Chairs, Social Thinking with Teachers21
- Dedham High School – NEASC – 6 sessions with Principal McCarthy, Self study reports by Committees, Completion of NEASC Self Study by June 15, 2013.

Special Education

- Elementary Adjustment Counselors, Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Speech and Language Pathologists
- Social Thinking Curriculum

Elementary Library Media Specialists

- Technology Instruction, Nook Installation, Library Card Initiative

Elementary Physical Education

- Developing valid, reliable and standards-based assessments, Piloting new assessment program, Creating Rubrics

Health and Wellness for Nursing Staff

- 6 Sessions directed by Gail Kelley, Nursing Director, DPS

Paraprofessionals

- 3 groups - Effective Teaching Strategies for Paraprofessionals – Teachers21

Embedded Professional Development

- Special Education – Program Improvement 274 Grant. Introduction to Social Thinking, Think Kids, Transition Training, Math Analysis with Dr. Radha Kalathil, Technology Integration Workshops with Dr. Cathleen Oravetz, Grade-level Curriculum Meetings with Principals

Afterschool Professional Development

- Curriculum Revision and DESE Evaluation Training Modules
- Special Education Topics/Issue
- Elementary Math Curriculum Work

Afterschool Courses

Three 1-credit math courses with Nancy Clement – graduate credit available through

Administrative Professional Development

- 4 years – Evaluation Instrument Training with Ribas Associates
- Implementing New MA Teacher Evaluation
- Supervision and Evaluation Training with Model Instrument with Dr. Jerry Goldberg, Teachers21

MATH PROPOSAL:

Superintendent explained the new Math Proposal created by Math Department Chair Kristine Holloran. To create a new course in grade 9 entitled Algebra 1 – Quadratic Emphasis for students following the college prep pathways in mathematics. In grade 8, Algebra 1 will be taught with a linear emphasis, per the common core standards; this was typically taught in grade 9 in the past. Algebra 1 – Quadratic Emphasis will expand on those concepts by applying them to quadratic and exponential equations. Both courses will also integrate new geometry and probability and statistics standards from the common core. The DESE is strongly suggesting that schools follow the new standards exactly as recommended due to the fact that the new mathematics standards are very rigorous at each grade level. Discussions took place and Principal Gately explained the middle school math curriculum, math enrichment program, and the math lab and challenge lab.

POLICY SUB RECOMMENDATION

Proposal by Mrs. Sullivan on behalf of the Policy Sub Committee that met last week regarding new fees for Band and Color Guard and Transportation Fees:

- Establish Official Band and Color Guard Activity Fee - \$125.00 per person with a family cap of \$500.
- Bus Fee – with increasing bus costs, the proposal is:
- User Fee cost per student - \$260.00 per person with family cap of \$600.00.
- If payment is not received by August 15th, a penalty fee of \$15.00 will be added (\$275.00 per student).
- One way cost \$175.00 per student due before August 15th.
- After August 15th – no one way passes issued.
- Payment Plan – 2 payment plan - one due by August 15th and the other on or before February 1st.

Item will be voted on at the next School Committee Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Doe announced that the DEA ratified their agreement yesterday. Teacher's Contract Negotiations were agreed upon with the following terms:

3 Year Agreement Compensation:

- Year 1 – 1% cost of living increase
- Year 2 – 1.5% cost of living increase
- Year 3 – 2 ½ % cost of living increase

- Additional money in Professional Development for Teachers- Expanding budget by \$5000 for each of 3 terms for a total of \$60,000 in year 3 change occurs.
- Increasing all coaches and activity stipends in year 3 of the contract by 2 ½ %.
- Agreed to give additional time to MS and HS Nurses 4 days – per diem to process the athletic paperwork to provide additional time.

Motion made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mrs. Barsamian to accept ratified agreement with Unit A with the Dedham Education Association. Roll call vote taken: Mr. Coughlin – YES, Mr. RYAN – YES, Mrs. Barsamian – YES, Mrs. Sullivan – YES, Mrs. Butler-Walko – YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES. Voted unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

None

MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Butler Walko and seconded by Mr. Heisler to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2013 School Committee Meeting minutes, all in favor.

DONATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Meeting ended at 9:08

Next Week's Agenda:

Next Week - FY14 Budget and Sub Policy Recommendation – only 2 items on the agenda
March 6th meeting – Early Childhood Education
School Improvement Plans will be presented starting March 20th
Review the Social Media Policy at the next Budget Sub Meeting
Updates on Goals and Objectives from School Committee by mid March
Budget Sub Comm Meeting this Monday February 11th at 7:15 am

Motion made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mrs. Sullivan to adjourn. All in favor.