

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES January 30, 2013

## **MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

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

## **MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

June Doe, Superintendent  
Cynthia Kelly, Assistant Superintendent  
Kathy Gaudreau, Director Special Education

Meeting began at 7:17p.m.

## **STUDENT REPORT BY CONOR CURRAN**

Student were inducted, hosted a Fundraising event this past Saturday at the New England Sports Academy. Great turnout and raised a lot of money.

Production for senior musical has started, Footloose, the actual date of the play to be announced.

Class of 2014 fundraiser – talent show coming up.

## **SUPERINTENENT'S UPDATE:**

Avery School fourth grade students participated in the NAEP (National Assessment of Education Progress) testing on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The students were assessed either in math or English language arts. Although we will not get information specifically about how our students perform, the NAEP data is used by educators and state leaders to report information on student trends and performance at the national, state and district levels. During the week of February 11<sup>th</sup>, all Avery students will be participating in Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart in their gym classes. This national education and fundraising event is sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. It involves the students in jumping rope or playing basketball to improve their own health and help other children with heart-health issues.

ECEC – Today was lottery Day. Letters will be mailed home to applicants of the child's status in the lottery. The PTO sponsored an event for students this past Monday called the Creature Teacher. The children loved it and we are thankful for our active PTO members for supporting programs at ECEC. As a reminder to families, there are no AM classes at the ECEC due to Professional Development for Staff. Classes will resume at 12:30.

Middle School - After School enrichment Programs began for the winter term at the middle school on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is as follows: Monday/Wednesdays – FitKids Exercise and Wellness, extension of the BOXX program at the elementary school. Tuesdays – Math Team and Photography. Wednesdays – Creativity Café and Karate. There is still room for additional students in each of these programs. The cost of the program is \$75.00 – still able to register - for 10 weeks and will be adjusted accordingly as we are a few weeks in to the program.

## **MSBA – DEXTER RENOVATION UPDATE:**

Superintendent Doe attended the Board Meeting of the Massachusetts School Building Authority today, with the Town Administrator Bill Keegan and Michael LaFrancesca. The purpose of going was the action that the board was going to take this morning of the statement of interest for Dexter School renovation. Report that the vote was unanimous to approve Dedham. Dedham was one of two school districts out of thirty-seven who applied for approval for a renovation project to move into the eligibility phase of the MSBA process. Representative McMurtry and John Reagan from Senator Rush's office were also present and offered their support for Dedham and our school project. Treasurer Grossman was particularly complimentary to the town of Dedham during his announcement. The eligibility phase requires many steps during a 270 day period. It will require local funding for

study analysis and cost estimates. The MSBA team noted that the current facility that we are using for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten at the Capen School was built in 1931 and does not meet the criteria for educating 3-5 year olds. In a study completed last summer by the MSBA team of architects recommended approval to the board to move to the Dexter facility site. The process is a step by step process in order to meet their standards. Dr. Hammond spoke about moving into a new facility. Discussions took place.

#### **SENATOR MICHAEL RUSH AND REPRESENTATIVE PAUL MCMURTRY**

Senator Rush and Rep McMurtry discussed how they are working together and their commitment on education being at the forefront. They are pleased with the Dexter School project. They presented information regarding budget proposals and finances for the town of Dedham which is in a discussion period. Superintendent Doe complimented the opportunity to have the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Awards and the MSBA process, a really well run program and discussed the Chapter 70 – the Governor’s Proposal, how it would benefit Dedham.

#### **REPORTS**

Foreign Language Dept. Chair Alison Reilley provided data and enrollment information and described the new courses for AP and target language along with information about upcoming trips, professional development and curriculum update. Average grades in French & Spanish, and new course information were also presented to the school committee.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **CHAIR’S UPDATE**

Mrs. Briggs shared her sympathy to the family of Mr. Donald Heald who passed away this week. Donald was the Band Teacher at the Dedham Middle School for many years.

#### **DONATIONS:**

- Donation of an Apple Ipad 2 to the ECEC, donated by Aileen Newton’s preschool class, intended to be used in the classroom by the students and staff.
- We are in receipt of the final check from the estate of Anne and Donald Corcoran in the amount of \$575,000 to be established as a scholarship for a deserving student. The estate has been settled, we are in the process of opening an account. Both Mr. and Mrs. Corcoran were teachers at Dedham Junior High School who were career educators.

Motion made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mr. Ryan to accept the donation of the Apple Ipad 2 and the donation of \$575,000 from the estate of Anne and Donald Corcoran. Voted unanimous.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Next week Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> agenda, we open with a Public Hearing for the FY14 Budget and vote it on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Along with the mid-year update on Professional Development.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Policy Sub Committee meeting this Friday morning at 7:45.

### **MINUTES:**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Motion made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mrs. Barsamian to go into executive session under Exemption 3 for the purpose of discussion with respect to collective bargaining with union and non-union contracts. Roll call vote taken: Joe Heisler - YES, Vice Chair – YES, Kevin Coughlin – YES, Jen Barsamian- YES, Tom Ryan – YES, Susan Butler-Walko-YES, Mayanne Briggs, Chair - YES