

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2012**

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 pm

- Norfolk District Attorney Michael Morrissey presented a check for \$2000 to Dedham High School for the 2012 School Security Grant.
- Meredith Laban from the Horizon's Program updated the School Committee and presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the 4th year of Horizon's DCD Summer Program.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

- DHS is in partnership with Legacy Place, the Legacy Place Literary Competition thru the Dedham Patch.
- 45 DHS students and 45 middle school students recently participated in the Stand-Up To Bullying Program in Tsongas Arena in Lowell.
- Winter sports update: Boys Hockey record is 3-0, next game in Wellesley Dec. 12th at Nobles. Girls Hockey will play the same night @ Wellesley.
- Girls Basketball will play this Friday at Dover Sherborn, Boys Basketball @ Weston same night.
- Girls and Boys Indoor Track at Reggie Lewis Dec. 12th at 4:30 vs. Walpole
- This Saturday, 5th year of the Dancing with the Dedham Stars.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:

Superintendent Doe read a letter from the White House and President Obama to a Riverdale student Allajahne Myers, who had sent the President a Student Council speech and information about the Riverdale school.

Oakdale School – The food/can drive organized by the 5th grade Student Council was a huge success. They were able to provide Thanksgiving baskets for families and donations to the Dedham Food Pantry. The Oakdale PTO sponsored the Annual Holiday Gift Shop.

Middle School – Twenty-eight Middle School students attended the "Stand Up to Bullying" conference at the Tsongas Center in Lowell on November 29th. Students in grades 7 & 8 attended Deana's

Educational Theatre focusing on bullying prevention and awareness, provided by the Dedham Education Foundation and the DMS Parent Group. The DMS student council coordinated another successful food drive, close to 1600 items were collected for the Dedham Food Pantry. December 6th – Annual DMS Talent Show. December 7th – Grade 7 and 8 dance.

Riverdale School – Fifth grader Cookie Duncan wrote a poem that was published in the Hutch 9, a magazine published by the Blue Bunny in Dedham. The book fair was held this week. December 11 Riverdale will host evening parent-teacher conferences. Parents should contact their children’s teachers for conference appointments.

Greenlodge School – Students were treated with a visit to the Earth Balloon last Thursday. Students were able to view satellite pictures of mountains, rivers, deserts, rain forests, islands, and oceans. The Winter Concert will be held on December 19th. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held December 11.

ECEC – On Friday evening, the PTO is hosting the annual reading of the Polar Express. The Annual bookfair will be held on Dec. 10-14.

REPORTS:

Middle School Curriculum Update: The Middle School implemented a new Science and Engineering Program this year. Principal Gately, Teacher Mary Belge and many students reported that the program is successful.

FY14 Capital Budge Report – Mr. LaFrancesca and Mr. Taissir Alani presented the 5 year Capital Plan for the schools. The Town Capital Plan will be presented at a later date. Completed projects were discussed. Mr. Langenhorst presented information regarding the plan to purchase new computers. Motion to approve FY14 budget made by Mr. Coughlin, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko. Roll call vote taken, Mayanne Briggs-Yes, Joe Heisler - YES, Kevin Coughlin-Yes, Jen Barsamian-Yes, Dimitria Sullivan-Yes, Tom Ryan-Yes, Susan Butler-Walko-Yes. Voted unanimous to move forward with FY14 budget.

Field Trip Request: Motion to approve field trip to Panama with Ms. O’Regan and Ms. Magnan made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. Roll call vote: Mayanne Briggs-Yes, Joe Heisler - YES, Kevin Coughlin-Yes, Jen Barsamian-Yes, Dimitria Sullivan-Yes, Tom Ryan-Yes, Susan Butler-Walko-Yes. Voted unanimous.

CHAIRS UPDATE:

Continuing special education visitations with Special Education Director Kathy Gaudreau and town officials.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ryan requested to post a Policy Sub Committee Meeting regarding bus fees and increases.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DONATIONS:

None

MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Ryan to accept the November 7, 2012 minutes, seconded by Ms. Barsamian, voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Motion to end meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mrs. Butler Walko.

Roll call vote taken: Mayanne Briggs-Yes, Joe Heisler - YES, Kevin Coughlin-Yes, Jen Barsamian-Yes, Dimitria Sullivan-Yes, Tom Ryan-Yes, Susan Butler-Walko-Yes. Voted unanimous.

Meeting ended at 8:55pm