

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2012**

**MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

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

**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 7:01 PM**

**Meeting previously convened from Executive Session**

Motion made to open PUBLIC HEARING regarding the new evaluation instrument developed by the Dept. of Education on June 28, 2011. Motion made by Mr. Coughlin to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. Roll call vote: Mr. Coughlin-yes, Mrs. Walko-Butler- yes, Mrs. Barsamian-yes, Mrs. Sullivan-yes, Mr. Ryan-yes, Mr. Heisler-yes, Mrs. Briggs-yes.

- PowerPoint presentation by Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Cynthia Kelly & Superintendent June Doe
- Mr. Timothy Dwyer discussed areas of negotiations
- Discussions took place
- Part 2 of the Instrument is not available until 2015-16

Motion to close the PUBLIC HEARING made by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, roll call vote taken. Mr. Coughlin-yes, Ms. Walko-Butler- yes, Ms. Barsamian-yes, Mrs. Sullivan-yes, Mr. Ryan-yes, Mr. Heisler-yes, Mrs. Briggs-yes.

**REPORTS:**

Middle School Athletics: Mr. Plansky, Athletic Director updated the School Committee regarding the Middle School Athletics. Newly formed middle school league, The Bay Valley League will include the towns of: Ashland, Bellingham, Hopkington, Medway, Medfield, Millis, Natick, Needham, Ursuline Academy, Wellesley, Weston, and Westwood.

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Field Hockey
- Cross Country
- Discussions on team cuts
- Expectations for student athletes: Hazing

Capital Budget: Mr. LaFrancesca presented information to the School Committee regarding:

- FY14 Budget – will vote at the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Taissir Alani will be putting together a plan to determine weaknesses
- New 5 year plan
- Computer Replacement
- DHS Updates
- New locking systems at the elementary schools
- Upgrade security systems
- Painting
- Main lobby at the DHS
- FY13 Projects: HS generator upgrade, Riverdale roof completed, Painting at the Greenlodge and Oakdale Schools, Oakdale and Greenlodge gym ceiling tiles, two new vehicles coming for the maintenance dept. (Town provided \$15,000).
- Phase 2 Sieman's project

Don Langenhorst discussed the updates on the computer system, pilots at Riverdale and ECEC with the ipads along with replacing desk tops and lap tops. Discussed upgrading wireless.

**Increase in Bus Transportation and Special Education** – Mr. LaFrancesca recommended to the School Committee to increase the bus transportation from \$210 to \$260 per students with a cap of \$700 per family due to the increase in fuel for FY14 budget. The cost per bus per day is \$312 per bus. Mrs. Sullivan discussed a possible payment plan on an individual basis, and option for putting the information on the bus form, which will be put forth to the policy subcommittee.

Special Education tuitions went up, asking 5% increase to cover anticipated costs for Out of District students.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL** – The annual fall open house for elementary students with tours was held on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 60 students and families attended to listen to a short presentation by curriculum directors and student council members. Veterans Day Assembly on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Annual food drive for the Dedham Pantry is November 5 – 15. Six DMS students will be participating in a program working Alzheimer's patients.

**ECEC** – Last Wednesday ECEC had a Halloween and costume parade. The Preschool Information Night was held last Thursday in preparation for the Preschool Lottery to be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the ECEC gym. Applications are accepted thru Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at the ECEC to participate in the lottery.

**RIVERDALE** - Riverdale students of the month continuing. The PTO will sponsor a food drive on November 8<sup>th</sup>. American Education Week - November 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Riverdale families are invited to drop in from 9:15 to 11:45 and again from 1:15 to 2:30 to visit their children's classroom.

**AVERY** – Avery Student Council representatives were elected on November 5<sup>th</sup>: Gr. 1: Deanna Ambroult, Alyssa Bukowski, Kevin Krueger. Gr. 2: Nick Cushman, Katie Yanes, Isabella Zaferacopoulos. Gr. 3: Samer Berghol, Sahara Hayes, Heather Senn. Gr. 4: Destiny Jean-Louis, Rebecca Rivera, Breendan Walsh. Gr. 5: Aidan Gordon, Daniel Grennon, Yajaira Matus.

**OAKDALE**– Mrs. Dorsey’s class had the 9<sup>th</sup> year dry ice science experiment. Mr. Kilroy had agreed to work with the Dedham Public Schools to visit all schools to take pictures.

**STUDENT UPDATE:**

Mrs. Sullivan read the following student report:

- Update on Arts program this Friday and Sat Drama Club performing “Almost Maine”
- Congratulations to the Marching Band this past weekend for winning gold at the NE Marching Band Championship
- Signups for senior play have begun
- Congratulations to the Field Hockey Team, Soccer Team, Volleyball Team and for making tournament.
- Sat. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Girls Swimmers Sectional’s at MIT
- Sat. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country Divisional Meet at Wrentham Dev. Center
- Sun. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> –Cheerleaders Regional’s at Taunton High School
- Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> College Seminar regarding financial aid in the cafeteria
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Class of 2015 students are raking leaves - \$50 donation
- Class of 2013 is selling pies
- Jackie Sullivan attending the Governor’s Rally against Bullying, documentation coming to Dedham

**CHAIR’S UPDATE:**

The next Meeting on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Gately 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the grade 8 curriculum update, John and Abigail Adams Reception and Horizon’s update.

**MINUTES:**

Motion to accept the October 17, 2012 minutes made by Mr. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Heisler. Voted unanimous.

**Out-Of-State Ski Trip** – Dedham High School is requesting permission from the School Committee to take students to Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire on January 27, 2013 departing at 5:45 am and returning at 7:30 pm. – Mr. Doug Simon and Barbara Smith are the co-sponsors. Motion to approve Ski Trip to Cannon Mountain made by Mr. Heisler, and seconded by Mrs.Sullivan, roll call vote taken: Mr. Coughlin-yes, Mrs. Walko-Butler- yes, Mrs. Barsamian-yes, Mrs. Sullivan-yes, Mr. Ryan-yes, Mr. Heisler-yes, Mrs. Briggs-yes. Voted unanimous.

**DONATIONS:**

Norfolk County District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey’s office donated \$2000 for purchase and installation of security cameras at Dedham High School and for participating in the 2012 School Security Grant Program to enhance the safety of students, staff and facility. Motion to accept \$2000 made by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko, voted unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Request by Mr. Coughlin to have Board of Selectman at a future meeting regarding the town budget slide presentation, also invite Senator Rush and Representative McMurtry at a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Mrs. Barsamian, voted unanimous.  
Meeting ended at 9:18 PM.