

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 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 (Absent)		

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT WERE:

June Doe, Superintendent
Cynthia Kelly, Assistant Superintendent
Michael LaFrancesca, Assistant to the Superintendent for Business
Kathy Gaudreau, Director of Special Education

Meeting began at 7:03

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:

Middle School Summer reading program, Read-Write-Win winners were introduced. Gina Pasciuto, Grade 6; Stephanie Delva, Grade 7, and Alec MacLean, Grade 8. Superintendent Doe and Ms. Gately congratulated each student and recognized their accomplishments. Each winner received a gift certificate from Superintendent Doe.

Superintendent Doe expressed her sympathy on behalf of the school community to the family of Town Treasurer, Robin Reyes, who recently passed away. Mr. Reyes was an outstanding public servant and he will be missed.

Oakdale School – On October 4th Oakdale held their first annual Building Our Oakdale Community Day.
Riverdale School – Students were treated to the World of Wonder presentation today, sponsored by the Riverdale PTO exposing students to artistic and cultural events.

Middle School – October 18th is the 2nd Open House Night (for families with the last names L-Z). New program at DMS, Drop-in Night where parents and guardians are invited to drop in at the middle school on Monday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. for an open forum discussion with Ms. Gately. These meeting will be held on a monthly basis, for one hour to discuss issues or answer question in a large group format. The grade 6 Halloween costume dance will be held on Oct. 26th at 2:45 – 4:15.

Little Sprouts: Mr. LaFrancesca discussed the Little Sprouts Lease Agreement. Motion to accept the lease agreement made by Mrs. Sullivan, and seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko. Roll call vote taken: Mr. Coughlin (Yes), Ms. Barsamian (Yes), Mrs. Sullivan (Yes), Mr. Heisler (Yes), Mrs. Butler-Walko (Yes), Mrs. Briggs (Yes). Voted unanimous.

CHAIR'S UPDATE:

Mrs. Briggs reported that the Middle School open house night (A-K) was held recently, very informative, new format. Grade 6 parents met the whole team at once. Parents followed "A" day schedule. Middle School Chorus went to the Providence Bruins. The School Committee would like to invite parents to the next School Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. for coffee.

REPORTS:

Dedham Parks and Recreation Dept.: Mr. Dan Hart, Chair of Dedham Parks and Recreation presented drawings, and information regarding the Vollmer Feasibility Study that was done on the Striar Property in 2004. Mr. Hart and Mr. Maher discussed possible ideas on how to access Striar, a parcel of land bought by the town years ago and proposed for both recreation and Department of Public Works use. They are trying to write a Request For Proposal to develop the land. There are 2 access points, one at the bottom of Sprague St. hill and the other at the top of the hill near the playground of the ECEC.

Con Com Chair, Fred Civian discussed the flooding in the Manor. Mr. Heisler discussed how the district is in negotiations with the state, the project renovating the Dexter and relocating the ECEC to the Dexter. May take years.

Motion: "Due to safety concerns we would oppose the use of school department property as access route". Motion made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mr. Coughlin, Roll call vote taken: Mr. Coughlin (Yes), Ms. Barsamian (Yes), Mrs. Sullivan (Yes), Mr. Heisler (Yes), Mrs. Butler-Walko (Yes), Mrs. Briggs (Yes). Voted unanimous to oppose the request at this time the School Committee would not be able to endorse going forward.

SAT Report: Mr. McCarthy presented statistics and information regarding the High School SATs.

Enrollment Data Report: Superintendent Doe provided an update on enrollment figures. As of this week, the High School has 776 students, the Middle School has 647, Avery School has 251, Oakdale School has 320, Greenlodge School has 316, Riverdale School has 201 and the Early Childhood Education Center has 338. There are 64 students in the Out-Of- District special education placements, down from last year's 72, due to programs in the district that have supported the reduction.

Budget Report: Mr. LaFrancesca updated the board members on the budget calendar. The capital budget will be up for a vote on December 19, 2012 and the operating budget would be presented in a public hearing on February 6, 2013. It would then be put to a vote on February 13, 2013.

Budget Sub Committee Report: Mrs. Walko-Butler will be the new chair of the Budget Sub Committee and gave the Board an update from last week's meeting. Information on zero-based budgeting and shared services with the town. Warrant Articles \$45,000 to update the master plan. \$60,000 from the McKinney-Vento bill, federal reimbursement for transportation for the Homeless. The next budget meeting is scheduled November 6, 2012 at 7:15 a.m. Motion – "Vote the calendar, to adopt the FY14 calendar". Motion made by Mrs. Butler-Walko and seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, voted unanimous.
Post budget calendar with meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Naming the Greenlodge Nursing Office:

The Policy Sub Committee Meeting met on October 10th at the request from the family of Mary MacDougall to rename the Greenlodge School Nurse's Office. Motion made by Mr. Coughlin and seconded by Ms. Barsamian "To name the nursing suite at the Greenlodge School in honor

of Mary MacDougall”. Roll call vote taken: Mr. Coughlin (Yes), Ms. Barsamian (Yes), Mrs. Sullivan (Yes), Mr. Heisler (Yes), Mrs. Butler-Walko (Yes), Mrs. Briggs (Yes). Voted unanimous.

Article Five:

Mr. Heisler: I move that the warrant article be voted and approved by the school committee for consideration at the special town meeting on November 19, 2012 and the that town moderator and finance committee be notified that that Article Five, as originally drafted, contained an error which is corrected and noted in the following school committee motion below and that states Article 5 by the School Committee at the request of the SBRC:

Motion: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow for the purpose of updating the Master Plan for the Dedham Public Schools or take any other action relative thereto. Motion so moved by Mr. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Heisler. Discussions took place. Roll Call vote taken: Mr. Coughlin (Yes), Ms. Barsamian (Yes), Mrs. Sullivan (Yes), Mr. Heisler (Yes), Mrs. Butler-Walko (Yes), Mrs. Briggs (Yes). Voted unanimous.

MINUTES:

Motion to accept the minutes of October 3, 2012 with correction made by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Ms. Barsamian, all in favor, voted unanimous.

DONATIONS:

The Dedham Library Innovation Team donated six copies of the new Scott Nash book, *The High Skies Adventures of Blue Jay the Pirate* to each fourth and fifth grade classroom and the library at the Avery School. Motion to accept with grateful appreciation made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Ms. Barsamian, all in favor, voted unanimous.

REMINDER

Mrs. Briggs wants to remind Administration, Principals and staff that the grant cycle is open, please submit the grants by the deadline of October 31st to the Dedham Education Foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion made by Mr. Heisler to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko, voted unanimous. Meeting ended at 9:17 p.m.