

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2012

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT WERE:

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

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT WERE:

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

Meeting began at 7:04

Superintendent's Update:

Introductions of new staff members.

Mrs. Gaudreau welcomed Amy Muldoon, Director of Secondary Special Education and also Dr. Marjorie Goldstein-Fradin, Director of Elementary Special Education.
Mrs. Sullivan welcomed Denise DeRosa - Special Education Teacher
Dr. Hammond welcomed Carolyn Bradley - Speech and Language Therapist, and Sofia Costa – Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Kiewlicz welcomed Nicole Spadoni – Special Education Teacher
Mr. McCarthy welcomed: Bethany Beauchesne – Spanish Teacher, Jacqueline Hennrikus – English Teacher, Lisa Balzarini-English and Special Education, Jeff Bolduc-Fine Arts Director, Danielle Yuen – Math Teacher, Liz Amato – Special Education Teacher, Angela Treannie – Science/Chemistry Teacher, Alice Johnson – Library Media Specialist, and Elizabeth Hellman – French Teacher
Ms. Gately welcomed Kate Conway – Ass't Principal, Mary Belge – Science and Engineering Teacher, Jennifer Bloch – Science Teacher, Jenna Caldwell – Special Education Teacher, Elise Coughlin – Science Teacher, Jeff Daniels – Band Director, Annie Farry – LTS Spanish Teacher
Dr. Lucas welcomed Lara Andrews – Special Education Teacher
School Committee welcomed all new staff.

Mr. McCarthy welcomed 2 new student representatives to the School Committee, Connor Curran and Jackie Sullivan. Jackie Sullivan – reported on college night last night, and the new student email system, Connor Curran gave a sports update. After the Football game, DHS has the first dance with pizza. MMSI will be at DHS tomorrow, to talk about AP participation. Progress reports will be issued on Oct. 4. Parent teacher conferences will be held Oct. 9th.

Superintendent's Update – MMSI, AP course process. Donna Greer from Dedham Cable Television worked with parents and graduates, interviewing graduates about their own personal experience, will air on cable. Cable has a new location on Sprague Street. Thanked Donna and her staff.
Technology – next Monday, the email for all staff will be live to facilitate efforts on the website. Website will be more user friendly as a new initiative. DMS – change in date. Tues. Oct. 2 Parent Group Meeting. Presentation on blackboard. Team parent coffees are on-going, great turnout. MS fall sports teams are all in place beginning tomorrow. Avery – starting the Boks program – before school activity. Team oriented games. 31 students are enrolled. DHS has a very successful college night last night. MSBA Update – Had a Conference call this week with MSBA – another step in information gathering regarding statement of interest for renovation of the Dexter School. Riverdale open house on November 27th for parents.

Update on Summer Work – Mr. LaFrancesca highlighted the work that was done in each bldg.. Accomplished many tasks. Painted DHS Ass't Principal's office. Pool roof – exterior and entire ceiling in the pool roof. Bridge interior and exterior walls. Guidance office, put in a conference room, new rug, established a computer center. Created office for the technology dept next to the Youth Commission. Removed the fence and painted lines. Track has been repairs, repainted and restriped. HVAC system – updated the MS. Avery exterior roof completed. Riverdale school – painted most of the classrooms on the 2nd floor, new doors. Ceiling in the gym. Left to do – generator at the high school. All schools will be receiving a new phone system. Credits Taissir Alani. Soffits in the schools, removed the caging on windows.

Chair's Update:

The School Committee had a workshop/retreat September 12th with Irwin Blummer to reorganize sub committees

SUB COMMITTEES

Budget Sub Committee: Mr. Heisler, Mr. Coughlin and Mrs. Butler-Walko

Policy Sub-Committee: Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Barsamian

Finance Sub-Committee: Mr. Heisler, Mr. Coughlin, Mrs. Butler-Walko and Mrs. Barsamian

Negotiations Sub-Committee: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Coughlin and Mrs. Briggs

Public Relations: Mrs. Barsamian and Mrs. Butler-Walko

TEC Representative – Mrs. Briggs (alternatives: Mr. Heisler and Mrs. Barsamian)

School Bldg. Rehab Sub Committee: Mr. Coughlin and Mr. Ryan

Reports:

Official results of MCAS have been released. Middle School and High School parent reports will be mailed tomorrow. Elementary will send reports home with students. Major shift in reporting – 5 levels. All schools now are 2 levels (one or two). There is new vocabulary. The goal – reducing proficiency gap. New category – High Needs group for ELL, or students with disability. State is looking at meeting the target for meeting that target.

New Business:

Mrs. Briggs read the following:

In the recent past, changes have been made in the pension statues which result in contributions to an employee's annuity no longer counting for purposes of calculating the employee's pension. In light of this, the Superintendent has requested that two changes be made in her contract, which will result in the annual payment that had previously been paid into her annuity contract instead being paid to her as part of her regular compensation. These changes will not result in any additional expense to the school Department, and these changes will re-establish the parties' original intent that the payments in question will be pensionable.

I move that the current contract with Superintendent June Doe be amended in two ways. First, that the annual payment into the Superintendent's annuity contract which had appeared as Section 14 paragraph B be deleted. Second, that the following sentence be added to the existing Section 5, paragraph B in the Superintendent's contract:

After the percentage increase arrived at pursuant to the the preceding language in this paragraph has been applied, the Superintendent's annual rate of compensation will be increased by an additional \$9000.00.

Mr. Coughlin made the motion, Mr. Heisler seconded the motion.

Roll call vote taken:

Kevin Coughlin - YES

Dimitria Sullivan- YES

Tom Ryan - YES

Jen Barsamian - YES

Susan Butler-Walko- YES
Joe Heisler- YES
Mayanne Briggs, Chair- YES
Voted unanimous.

Old Business

None

Minutes

Mr. Coughlin requested to amend the minutes of the September. 5, 2012 regular meeting., to remove one sentence. Mr. Heisler made the motion to approve the correction and accept both minutes from September 5, 2012 from the regular meeting and executive session, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. Voted unanimous.

Donations

Mr. Heisler made the motion to accept with grateful appreciation the following donations:
\$150 from the Dedham Woman's Exchange – Holli Perry to support the Dedham Middle School Library.
Scientific lab equipment from Arnie Kana at Covance Inc. for Dedham High School Science Dept.
Riverdale received 2 donations, - Ice cream for the social from Donahue Real Estate
Safe Routes to School donated over 50 pedometers for use with students during Walking Wednesday activities that will begin later this month.
Mr. Ryan seconded with grateful appreciation , voted unanimous.

Public Comment

Brian Keaney made comments regarding the release of MCAS Scores. He requested that the School Committee give a more meaningful presentation since parents will already know the results and percentages because it will be old news. Mrs. Briggs stated that the state delayed the release of the information, and parents have not received their MCAS information yet.

Motion made by Mr. Ryan to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, voted unanimous
Meeting ended at 7:54.