

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2012**

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT WERE:

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

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 7:05

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent June Doe updated the SC on the TREK Program at the Middle School. Since 2005 the program has grown. There are 139 students this year, 8 staff members plus the Director, Cathy Oravetz. The math summer work gets finished, along with one of the required reading books. This year a new portion was added to the program, community service. 14 incoming 9th graders participated as assistants which get added to their required HS community hours. Two other new features included visiting the Dedham Historical Society and Extended Math Thursdays where students may stay for extra help in math. TREK has been a wonderful asset to the Dedham Middle School.

Mrs. Doe recognized the retirements this year and wished them long successful retirements to: Louise Young, Marie Pace, Jeanne Kozak, Donald Heald, Gregory Hazell, Marilyn Falkowski, Joan Grover, Cheryl Driscoll, and Dale Carberry.

Mrs. Doe recognized new staff members: Lisa Balzarini, Mary Belge, Jeffrey Bolduc, Carolyn Bradley, Elise Coughlin, Annie Farry, Elizabeth Hellman, Jacqueline Hennrickus, Alice Johnson, Angela Treannie and Danielle Yuen. There will be a reception in September to recognize all new staff members.

Mrs. Doe gave an update on the Summer Programs at ECEC, Oakdale School and the Extended School Year Program.

The Avery School Punch List items: Significant progress made on the punch list items. The sign on Recreation Road will be installed. The roof over the entryway will be done before the first day of school. The practice field is not going to be ready for September. Javelin location has gone back and forth, and the shotput and javelin will be on the field.

Mrs. Doe gave information regarding Mass Bay Community College – potential interest in a site looking at the High School for college level courses. Priority is our own students. Significant grant money available for dual enrollments, which will be a huge benefit to students.

Mr. LaFrancesca reported that the tree planting was completed in the area where the railroad was. DPW will water the trees now. Grass will be planted in the fall.

Discussions took place regarding the Verizon telephone poll at the parking lot. Consigli is managing it, the goal is to get it pave and lined this month, depending on the weather conditions. The company that installed the track will be making adjustments, correcting edging, resurfacing areas, repainting areas. The track has a 5 year warranty. The goal is to get the track done before pre-season.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joe Griffin from the St. Vincent DePaul Society spoke to the School Community regarding four subjects: the history, the service, the structure and the Walk for the Poor.

CHAIR'S UPDATE

Reminder to all students: Kids being on the ball field are reminded to wear their bug repellent due to Triple E.

REPORTS

Principal Gately spoke about the new initiative brought forward by Mr. Blaney at the Youth Commission, College Camp – a 2 week program for 30 students, coordinated by the Youth Commission. Proposals for the middle school include changes to the math program in grades 6,7, 8. New Programs include Math Enrichment and also a new interactive notebook called Geography Alive. New Grade 8 Technology and Engineering Course.

OLD BUSINESS

None

MINUTES

Mrs. Butler-Walko motioned to approve the June 20, 2012 minutes, Mrs. Barsamian seconded, voted unanimous – Mr. Coughlin abstained.

DONATIONS

1. Gordon College Donation – Nathan Hayward. Check for \$100 to be used towards professional development.
2. Annual donation from the Dedham Flag Day Parade Committee to the DHS for \$1000 to be used in the Fine Arts Dept. for the band program.

Mrs. Butler-Walko made the motion with grateful appreciation to accept all the donations, Mr. Heisler seconded, voted unanimous.

Items for the next meeting:

Mr. Blaney from the Dedham Youth Commission
Changes for the Avery Institute

Items for the Sept. Meeting

Guidance Summary Report
Preliminary report on MCAS

Items for Sept. 19th Meeting

Introduction of new staff, reception at 6:30 with coffee and sandwiches

Mrs. Doe reported that MSBA team visited today at ECEC. Reviewed statement of interest, programming and facilities. They had an extensive tour of the ECEC then toured the Dexter School Facility. Dedham is one of 280 requests. Results will come in at the end of October or early November.

Mr. Heisler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, Mr. Coughlin seconded, voted unanimous.

