

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2012**

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT WERE:

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

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

CHAIR'S UPDATE

Reminder, town meeting next Monday night. Avery has a Bottle & Can Drive on June 4th. The All Town Art Show will be on May 31st and the elementary band concert is June 4th.

REPORTS

REDISTRICTING

Mrs. Sullivan's report from the Policy Sub Committee regarding redistricting plan: The committee had met over a few meetings, the last meeting was May 9th all recommendations from parents and administration were considered, researched, and analyzed and they talked to the bus company. At the May 9th meeting, the recommendations were:

- Add the following streets to the Avery School district: Quaker Lane, Babcock, Nay and Norwell.
- Add the streets to the right off of Court Street to the Avery School: Richards (Right off of court), Marsh, Newcourt, School, Weatherbee. This will also include Worthington.
- NOT TO ADOPT the following streets to the Avery school: Jersey, Autumn, Michael, York and Ohio. These streets are to remain in the Oakdale School zone.
- Expanded proposal – keep these streets in the Oakdale School zone: Jersey, Wentworth, Central Ave, Powers, Ice House, Arrowhead, West Jersey, Mac's Place
- The proposal to move Autumn and Michael was withdrawn.
- Keep the following streets in the Riverdale School zone: Court to common St., Norfolk, Church, All of Richards to Highland, Church to Old River, Maple Place.
- Keep the following streets in Oakdale School zone: Orchard, Elm, Wilson, Lee Terrace, Washington Street

Once the recommendations are final, a new map will be finalized and developed.

Planning on transition to first grade, there is a time element to send out letters to parents.

Incoming first graders had an option to also go into the new school, remind them they have the choice of being grandfathered in.

Mr. Heisler asked to recap the reason why we are doing this. Superintendent Doe recapped the process. Mrs. Barsamian thanked the parents who studied the maps, Mr. Coughlin thanked the Policy Sub Committee for all their hard work very difficult decision, time to move forward.

Motion made by Mrs. Sullivan to accept the new redistricting plan as stated above, seconded by Mr. Coughlin. Conversations took place from Mr. Heisler and Mrs. Butler Walko. Vote taken, voted unanimous.

OAKDALE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – (Posted on the Oakdale School website).

Principal Armstrong presented the Oakdale Improvement Plan, announced: the following individuals who assisted in the preparation of the document: Monika Wilkinson – Parent, Julie Soucie – Parent, Ann Mercer – Parent, David Roberts – School Committee Liaison, Paul McMurtry – Community Member at Large, Heather Finnerty – Teacher, Stacey Cawley – Teacher, Edward Paris – Teacher, Nina Mancinelli – Teacher.

Principal Armstrong discussed the accomplished goals set in the 2010-2012 School Improvement Plan: Academic Achievement - Improving student achievement in ELA, Math, Science, Test Taking Strategies and Homework. School Culture: to increase overall atmosphere and behavior of students. Communication: To increase home/school communication for all students and families. School Facilities: To maintain an aesthetically pleasing, safe and secure school environment. The new goals for the 2012-2014 School Improvement Plan are: Academic Excellence, Respect, Support Open Communication and Positive Learning Environment.

MINUTES

Mr. Heisler motioned to approve the April 4, 2012 minutes, Mr. Coughlin seconded, voted unanimous.
Mrs. Barsamian motioned to approve the May 2, 2012 minutes, Mr. Coughlin seconded, voted unanimous.

DONATIONS

Mrs. Sullivan motioned to accept with grateful appreciation a donation of \$1000 from Bob’s Discount Furniture Store, who chose the Dedham Middle School among 7 schools to receive the donation to be sued for iPads or e-Readers, seconded by Mr. Heisler, voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Heisler to consider bringing back the MOU for further consideration to the Policy Sub Committee, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko, voted unanimous.

Next meeting agenda items: ELA and Netbook initiatives.

Motion made by Mrs. Sullivan to enter into Executive session for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining. Seconded by Mr. Coughlin, Roll call vote: Mrs. Butler-Walko – YES, Mr. Ryan – YES, Mrs. Barsamian, YES, Mrs. Sullivan – YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mr. Coughlin – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES.