

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 2, 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

Town Clerk Paul Munchbach swore in new School Committee Member Jen Barsamian. Jen thanked family, friends and voters that supported her. Mr. Munchbach swore in Mr. Heisler due to his re-election. Mr. Heisler thanked his supporters and voters in the town. Mr. Coughlin thanked the voters of the town and family. He thanked Dave Roberts as member of the school committee for 12 years of his hard work on the school committee.

Superintendent Doe officially opened the meeting at 7:10 with the reorganization of the School Committee. Motion made by Mr. Heisler to nominate Mayanne Briggs as School Committee Chair, seconded by Mr. Coughlin. Roll call vote: Mrs. Butler-Walko – Present, Mr. Ryan – YES, Mrs. Barsamian, YES, Mrs. Sullivan – Present, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mr. Coughlin – YES.

Mrs. Briggs asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Ryan made the motion to nominate Mr. Heisler as Vice Chair, Mr. Coughlin seconded. Roll call vote: Mrs. Butler – Present, Mr. Ryan – YES, Mrs. Barsamian – YES, Mrs. Sullivan – Present, Mr. Coughlin – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES.

Mrs. Briggs thanked Dave Roberts for his 12 years of commitment on the board and welcomed Jen Barsamian to the school committee saying she looks forward to being the Chair with facing difficult times but will continue to work together with staff and administration.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Congratulations Avery 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade champion spelling bee champions. AP exams at the high school on May 15<sup>th</sup> 16 sophomore exams. This summer there will be strength and conditioning program on June 25. Information will be going home next week thru DMS PTO regarding Grades 5, 6, 7 to purchase supplies needed for September. May MCAS begins May 6<sup>th</sup> - May 18. Pleased to announce May 23 Scholar leader awards dinner in Marlboro, Elizabeth Ballsarini and Nicholas Borsellini, nominated by the teachers with teachers Ms. Sutton and Mr. Nadeau. Former graduate of DHS 2009 Meghan Mawe recent recipient of academic achievement in math and science at Wheelock College. Congratulations to Riverdale DEF Spelling Bee winners. Riverdale Council collected dry foods for a food drive. Annual Riverdale Fair will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. MCAS prep workshop finishing up this week. All town chorus this week, congratulations to our music staff. DEF sponsored spelling bee on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Avery students and staff – opening went very well. Breakfast and lunch went smoothly, teachers and students are enjoying the extra space and smartboards. Avery staff thanked the residents of Dedham along with Dore and Whittier Architects. Greenlodge held a teacher appreciation luncheon, Greenlodge by the sea. Oakdale recently had program Explore the world on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## CHAIR'S UPDATE

DEF Foundation has started their fundraiser, "Flocking Flamingo's", slips available on the website.

## REPORTS

**Public Hearing On Interdistrict School Choice Law:** Motion made to open the public hearing made by Mrs. Sullivan seconded by Mrs. Butler. Roll call vote taken: Mrs. Butler - YES, Mr. Ryan – YES, Mrs. Barsamian – YES, Mrs. Sullivan – YES, Mr. Coughlin – YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES. Annual vote for all school committees, whether Dedham receives students from other school districts. Mrs. Doe explained we do not have classroom space that can accommodate the students from the outside. Recommendation is to vote no. Mr. Coughlin made the motion to close the public hearing, Mr. Heisler seconded the vote, roll call vote taken. Mrs. Butler, YES, Mr. Ryan – YES, Mrs. Barsamian – YES, Mrs. Sullivan – YES, Mr. Coughlin – YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES.

Mrs. Doe's recommendation was to vote no on School Choice: Motion made by Mr. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Heisler, roll call vote taken: Mrs. Butler, YES, Mr. Ryan – YES, Mrs. Barsamian – YES, Mrs. Sullivan – YES, Mr. Coughlin – YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES.

**SBRC Committee:** Mr. Coughlin received a request from Mr. Roberts to remain on the SBRC Committee. Mr. Heisler made the motion for Mr. Roberts to remain on the SBRC Committee until the Avery School is complete, seconded by Mrs. Barsamian, so voted unanimous.

**Redistricting:** Mrs. Sullivan spoke about the Policy Sub Committee meeting that was held this past week at the DMS Library, a few more options were brought to Members. The Next meeting will be a working meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the DMS Library, public is invited.

## MINUTES

None

## DONATIONS

Check from Boston College in the amount of \$3000 for a stipend of \$2500 for professional development and \$500 for books. \$500 from Mr. Ronald Willey, for the library media center for the Avery school library, Superintendent Doe thanked Mr. Willey for his generosity. Mrs. Sullivan made the motion with grateful appreciation, Mrs. Barsamian seconded with grateful appreciation, so voted unanimous.

Mrs. Butler Walko made a comment regarding personal goals and commitment to the board.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brian Keaney had 2 questions, one regarding a recent flyer that he dropped off at the middle school regarding a dance sponsored by the Knights of Columbus; he was told that the flyer was never sent home. Superintendent Doe reminded Mr. Keaney of that the protocol is to have the flyer approved prior to making the copies. The flyer had not been approved since this was not a school sponsored event, and no chaperone information listed on the flyer. The second question he had was regarding information regarding an OCR complaint. Mr. Keaney was told that legal issues are not discussed until complete.

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

