

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2012**

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT WERE:

Kevin Coughlin, Chairman	David Roberts
Mayanne Briggs, Vice Chair	Dimitria Sullivan
Joe Heisler	Susan Butler Walko
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

The Chair of the School Committee, Kevin Coughlin called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

CHAIR'S UPDATE

School Committee's consideration of an open meeting complaint: Mr. Coughlin read letter from Attorney Lennox regarding Mr. Keaney's file of complaint of the executive session minutes of February 25, 2009.

Motion made by Mrs. Butler-Walko to send a copy of the minutes to the Attorney General's office, seconded by Mr. Roberts. Roll call vote taken, Mrs. Butler-Walko – YES, Mr. Roberts – YES, Mr. Ryan – YES, Mrs. Sullivan – YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES, Mr. Coughlin – YES.

Motion made by Mr. Ryan to take no remedial action, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko. Roll call vote taken: , Mrs. Butler-Walko – YES, Mr. Roberts – YES, Mr. Ryan – YES, Mrs. Sullivan – YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES, Mr. Coughlin – YES.

REPORTS

Avery Construction Update – Mr. Coughlin toured the new school, temporary occupancy, opening is scheduled for April 23rd. Mr. Ryan updated the committee regarding the removal of the soil on the tracks. SBRC has agreed to remove 4000 sq. yards down to the Striar property. Portion of the funds will be held in abeyance for a few months. \$6900 released for pits and hurdles for new track and field equipment. Update on the flashing and masonry to secure the brick facing. Dore and Whittier were not available to attend tonight.

Rental Fee Policy for Athletic Complex – Turf Field/Track – Mr. Ryan discussed the application regulations and instructions. Fees are broken down into 3 classes. Class I (School Groups), Class II (Non Profit Dedham Community Groups and Organizations), Class II (All other groups). Rental fee will be \$150 / hr. Custodian charge is \$34.67 / hr. (no fees for Class I).

Motion made by Mrs. Sullivan to accept new application for athletic complex with a one year review, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko, voted unanimous.

Proposed Street Assignments in school neighborhood zones –Mrs. Doe explained the long process and history going back 3 years with MSBA. In order to gain a new elementary school, a credible plan was created to be phased in to increase the enrollment at Avery which was approved to enroll 310 students. Streets closest to Avery needed to increase the enrollment and balance out the remaining schools. Today there are 11 students that will enter 1st grade in September with no sibling attending another school. The proposed street listing is posted on the website. Questions, comments and discussions took place with parents. Request for public meeting and discussion at next school committee meeting. The Board will not be voting on the street assignments tonight.

MOU – Memorandum of Understanding between the Dedham Public Schools and the Dedham Police Dept.

Document of guidelines has been in effect for a minimum of 10 years aimed at education and safety of our students. The MOU has been reviewed for over a year with DPS Administration and the Dedham Police. School attorney has reviewed and made recommendations. Discussions took place regarding Section 6 “In The Presence of Underage Drinking or Drug Use” and Section 7, the year round policy. The chair opened up public comment. Motion made by Mr. Roberts to adopt the MOU Policy with a review in one year, seconded by Mrs. Briggs. Roll call vote take: Mrs. Butler-Walko – NO, Mr. Roberts- YES, Mr. Ryan-NO, Mrs. Sullivan- NO, Mr. Heisler-YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES, Mr. Coughlin- YES. Vote passed 4-3. Board of Selectmen will review.

MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Butler-Walko to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting, seconded by Mr. Roberts, voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Motion made by Mr. Roberts to enter into Executive Session for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation involving personnel, seconded by Mrs. Briggs. Roll call vote taken, Mrs. Butler-Walko – YES, Mr. Roberts – YES, Mr. Ryan – YES, Mrs. Sullivan – YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mrs. Briggs – YES, Mr. Coughlin – YES

Next school committee meeting scheduled for April 4, 2012.