

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2011**

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

The Chair of the School Committee, Kevin Coughlin continued the meeting from the Executive Session at 7:00pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:

ECEC – Read Across America, on March 2. All schools participated. Special visit from Wally the Green Monster.
DHS - Drama Guild competed in the Mass. High School Drama Festival on March 3rd. Rebecca Bennett received 2012 Mass. Aspirations Computing Affiliate Award
DMS – Term 3 Progress Reports. Grade 5 visits to the Elementary Schools. Gr. 8 transition letters were mailed.
RIVERDALE – 2 Cultural programs, March 8, Gr. 1-5 Bat Books and Mr. LaFosse will visit using Origami on March 14th.
GREENLODGE – Mythmasters: Tales of Greek Mythology by Young Audiences of MA. Read Across America on March 2.
OAKDALE– Building Our Kids Success, 40 students participating in a skill of the day, free of charge sponsored by Rebok. Family Folk Dance Night for all elementary school students, free of charge.
Congratulations to Weilan Berkey for an Honorable Mention Division III MSLA Bookmark Contest who will be recognized at the State house in April.

CHAIR'S UPDATE

Remind parents to fill out the NEASC Survey on-line. March 16th and 17th will be the Senior Class Play. Senior Reggie LaRouche came in 6th in the state and 8th in New England in the Track and Field Events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Paul Munchbach, Town Clerk thanked the Administration and custodial staff for the smooth transition during the Election, in particular Principal Gately at the middle school, the first year being held there.

REPORTS:

Professional Development Update – Assistant Superintendent Cynthia Kelly presented an extensive PowerPoint presentation which is available on the DPS website. Outline of presentation included the completed sessions and upcoming sessions for the remainder of this year. Elementary and Secondary Early Release Day programs and strategies were presented along with Afterschool Programs and Licensure responsibilities.

NEW BUSINESS

2012-2013 School Calendar was presented to the School Committee for review. Motion was made by Mr. Roberts to accept the 2012-2013 School calendar, seconded Mrs. Butler-Walko, voted unanimous.

Addendum to Student Transportation Contract - all CORI's from the drivers will be done by the DPS. Motion made by Mr. Roberts to approve the Addendum to the Student Transportation Contract as stated by Mr. LaFrancesca, seconded by Mr. Ryan, voted unanimous.

Out of State School Field Trip - Motion made by Mr. Heisler for Alex Kyriakis (H.S. saxophonists) to attend the All New England Jazz Festival at Plymouth State University on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, seconded by Mr. Ryan, voted unanimous.

Next year's Senior Prom will take place at the Indian Pond in Kingston on April 25, 2013 7:00-11:00 pm

OLD BUSINESS

H.S. - Principal McCarthy explained how to fill out the NEASC survey on the DPS website, also the new course selection offerings were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Sullivan to accept the minutes of February 15, 2012 school committee meeting, seconded by Mrs. Walko-Butler, and voted unanimous.

DONATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Heisler to accept the donation made by the DHS Alumni Foundation for the donation of \$500 to the Visual Arts Dept. for the purchase of a new 35mm SLR digital camera, seconded by Mrs. Briggs, voted unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Roberts with grateful appreciation for the book "Grandpa Green" from the Dedham Jr. Woman's Club to Avery School, seconded by Mr. Ryan, voted unanimous.

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko.