

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 15, 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  
Kathy Gaudreau, Director of Special Education

The Chair of the School Committee, Kevin Coughlin called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:**

**Riverdale - Read across America** on March 2, 2012. In tribute to Dr. Seuss's *Fox in Socks* book, students and staff will be encouraged to wear their most colorful socks to school.

**High School** - February 13, the high school sponsored a "College Night". Three college admissions counselors from three local universities made presentations about their schools, writing college essays, visiting campuses and the process of applying to highly selective schools. The Dedham High School Drama Guild will compete in the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival with a production of Sam Shepard's one act play, *Red Cross*.

**Greenlodge School** – The Greenlodge Family Math and Literacy Night was held Thursday, Feb. 9. Over 140 families came to participate in activities and learn about the math and literacy curriculum, also curriculum.

**DMS Update:** DMS Open House will be held on March 29, 2012 for incoming grade 6, 7, and 8 grade students. Grade 5 parents will receive a placement letter the last week of school which explains levels. Grade 8 parents will receive information on transition to the high school prior to scheduling of classes on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CHAIR'S UPDATE**

Mr. Coughlin congratulated Principal McCarthy and Dr. McCormick for a successful College Night.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DMS Trip** Foreign Language Dept. Chair Alison Reilley presented information regarding a Costa Rica trip for April 2013 – changed from the previous proposed Spain Trip. The Costa Rica trip has more hands on activities with the trip being less expensive and shorter time involved. Chaperones will be Principal Gately, with 3 DMS foreign language teachers.

***Motion made by Mr. Heisler to approve the trip to Costa Rica during April vacation week 2013, seconded by Mrs. Briggs, and voted unanimous.***

**New Science Dept. Chair** – Introduced Dr. Linda Kobierski, the newly appointed Science Dept. Chair replacing Mrs. Louise Young who retire at the conclusion of this year.

## **REPORTS:**

**DMS Curriculum Revisions:** Principal Gately and Dept. Chairs presented the middle school curriculum changes in the areas of ELA, Math, Social Studies, Technology/Engineering and the Grade 8 Seminar Realignment. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the DPS website.

**FY13 Budget Hearing** – *motion to open the public hearing made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. Roll call vote: Mrs. Butler-Walko-Yes, Mr. Roberts-Yes, Mr. Ryan-Yes, Mrs. Sullivan-Yes, Mr. Heisler – Yes, Mayanne Briggs-Yes, Kevin Coughlin- Yes*

**FY13 Budget** – Mr. LaFrancesca presented the FY13 School Budget totaling \$35,203,159.45. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the DPS website.

*Motion made by Mr. Heisler to accept the FY13 School Budget as presented by Mr. LaFrancesca, seconded by Mrs. Briggs, and voted unanimously.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Rental Fees** – The Policy Sub Committee met to discuss the recommended new rental fees for any outside groups (non Dedham). Mr. Roberts suggested that the School Committee adopt a policy to charge a user fee of \$150.00/hr. for any outside groups plus a custodian fee for the new field which includes bathrooms and press box, score board and AV person, but not the concession stand. The committee has on-going discussions regarding Dedham group fees, not prepared at this time to move forward.

*Motion made by Mr. Roberts to adopt the new rental fee policy for outside groups, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko, and voted unanimitou*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion made by Mrs. Briggs to accept the minutes of January 18, 2012 school committee meeting, seconded by Mrs. Walko-Butler, and voted unanimous.*

*Motion made by Mr. Roberts to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2012 school committee meeting, seconded by Mrs. Briggs, and voted unanimous.*

## **DONATIONS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **Adjourn:**

Motion to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Briggs

*Roll call vote: Mrs. Butler-Walko-Yes, Mr. Roberts-Yes, Mr. Ryan-Yes, Mrs. Sullivan-Yes, Mr. Heisler – Yes, Mayanne Briggs-Yes, Kevin Coughlin- Yes*