

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 1, 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 7:15pm

**SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:**

**Avery School** – celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, each student is asked to bring one or two donated items for the food pantry, will be delivered on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. On Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will participate in *Jump Rope for Heart*. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in *Hoops For Heart*, organized by Mr. David Carey. Math and literacy night will be held tomorrow night.

**Greenlodge School**- celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day, food items are being donated for the Dedham Food Pantry.

**Riverdale School** – will participate in Massachusetts School Library Bookmark contest, submitting a bookmark by Feb. 3. Field Trip for grade 5 to the McAuliffe Center at Framingham State College, 2 hour science mission simulation. Middle School – Report cards will be given out Fri, February 3. Guest speaker Mr. Robert Blaney from the Youth Commission, regarding the RISE Program, selecting incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders over the summer. Middle School Megaphone, monthly newsletter being sent home tomorrow.

**Oakdale School** – Winter enrichment Program is ongoing – 19 courses offered, \$50 per course for 8 weeks, scholarships offered. Curriculum night February 9<sup>th</sup> focusing on math and literacy. The evening will be split, Last names A – L 6:00-7:00pm, A – Z 7:00 – 8:00pm.

**Music Dept.** –Congratulations to five middle school chorus and band students who auditioned for the Eastern Jr. District this past Saturday. One student was accepted into the Eastern Jr. District Concert Band. Participants were: Band students: 8<sup>th</sup> grade Joe Borsellino (Tenor Sax), 8<sup>th</sup> grader Noah Littman (Trombone) and Chorus students 7<sup>th</sup> grade Michaels Fana (Tenor), 7<sup>th</sup> grade Sara Molano (alto) and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Roisin Stickland (Alto). Noah Littman was accepted in the Jr. District Concert band

**EVERY UPDATE:** Avery students will start April 23 at the new school. Expecting occupancy permit 7 – 10 days. The Superintendent's Advisory group will be the senior mentors for the Avery students and getting a tour of the new building.

**CHAIR'S UPDATE**

**EVENTS:**

National Honor society induction last Monday for the juniors.

DEF Teachers Recognition Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Legion.

Last Friday, there was the Greenlodge fundraiser, for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip, horse racing night

Riverdale Retro Party and Silent Auction at the Irish Ale House will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORTS:**

**Meredith Laban, Horizon's Program** –Updated and discussed the Horizon's summer program. Students from Dedham and Boston attend the program. Ms. Laban provided information about the STEM program building a box city learning about architecture, and the Tutoring program outline. They are looking to pilot a pre-K program.

**VOTE TO TRANSFER PARCEL OF LAND – DEXTER SCHOOL**

*Motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Briggs, The School Committee is voting tonight to request that the Selectmen petition town meeting to return the care, custody, management and control of a portion of the property known as the Dexter School property and further described in a Deed date May 5, 1960 and recorded on May 6, 1960 with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 3813, Page 436 consisting of a two acre parcel, more or less, to the School Department as that said portion of the Dexter School property is no longer needed for a senior center.*

*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*

**VOTE TO DECLARE THE AVERY SCHOOL SURPLUS PROPERTY**

*Motion made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mr. Ryan to declare the Avery School Surplus Property and return said property to the care and control of the Town of Dedham on May 7, 2012.*

*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*

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Announcement of Public Hearing on FY13 Budget at the next School Committee meeting. The Budget sub-committee meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**DONATIONS**

Received 2 cartons of white copy paper from Maureen Catapano. Motion made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mrs. Briggs, with grateful appreciation, voted unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Keaney asked when the vote for the public hearing was and wanted to remind the school committee that the town administrator would need to have it by 90 days. He then also discussed issues from December 2008, litigation information mentioning a family name, saying there was a controversy and cover-up for months. The school committee members told Mr. Keaney that his comments were not appropriate and that this was an on-going court case that was not up for discussion. Mr. Keaney continued on saying he was following the court cast, and this issue is a public record. The school committee asked Mr. Keaney several times not to speak about the incident.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan.

Next school committee meeting February 15, 2012.