

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 4, 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:**

**Middle School** – Congratulations to National Geography Bee winner was Alex Heilmann, grade 7 and Joseph Borsellino, grade 8 who has been nominated to serve as a student ambassador from Dedham at Governor Patrick's Day of Service on January 18<sup>th</sup> for Project 351.

**Greenlodge School** – The student council is collecting gently used winter coats for children and adults as part of the Anton's Cleaners "Coats for Kids" program, coats may be dropped off in the school lobby through Friday Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Avery School** – Students have visited seniors at O'Neill Drive during the holiday season. Grade 5 field trip – visited the Museum of Fine Arts, American History Room.

**ECEC** – Kindergarten orientation will take place on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Full day lottery will take place January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.

**Oakdale** – hosted a spirit day, they wore pajamas. Caroling for Coins, collecting \$700, which was donated to the food pantry. Homework Club on Wednesdays, expanded grade 3, 4, 5 with Noble students, thanks to Linda Hurley who was instrumental in coordinating the program.

**Riverdale School** – getting ready for Curriculum Night, ELA, parents and students can play educational games, students in grades 4, and 5 to read 5 books by mid-March.

**New Avery School Update:** Schedule is on time, beginning punch list and in good shape for mid-April to move in.

**CHAIR'S UPDATE**

Mr. Coughlin gave three informational scenarios on the Stabilization Fund Use Policy – Meals and Hotel Tax, a committee formed by town meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**Greenlodge School Improvement Plan** – Principal Kiewlicz spoke about the implementation, accomplishments and student achievement in the 2012-2014 School Improvement Plan prepared by the Greenlodge School Council. Focusing on improving student achievement. The school logo will be unveiled next week, worked with Peter Reynolds to design a logo for the mural "REACH For Your Best". The school participated in "Letters From Home" with the student council, Winter Coats For Kids Program, "Pennies For Patients Program, and Recycling Program. Discussed positive learning environment, recognizing student behavior, having safe and successful recesses, continuing to offer ways to communicate more, discussed sending electronic newsletter home to increase communication. Four major areas of focus, academic excellence, positive learning environment, respect, and

communication which are in line the 2008-2013 strategic plan. Target areas are test taking skills, ELA development, Mathematics.

**TEC TUITIONS INCREASE** - Mr. LaFrancesca reported that as of January 1, 2012 TEC Collaborative increased Special Education tuitions by 5% due to lower enrollments. Cost to Dedham from January to June is \$13,193. Expecting FY13 a minimum of another 5% will take place as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Mrs. Gaudreau spoke about the collaborative programs.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADOPTION OF CONCUSSION POLICY**

Mr. Roberts, Chairman of the Policy Sub Committee presented a nine-page comprehensive concussion policy as a result of the law that was passed in which all school districts are required to have a concussion policy and to provide training coaches, staff and parents. Under the new policy, documentation will need to be maintained at the school level, there will be a training video link on the website for parents and community. Students and parents will be required to complete the proper paperwork, there will be a general meeting in August. Students will not be able to participate until the documentation is complete. *Motion made by Mr. Roberts to adopt the Concussion Policy, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, and voted unanimous.*

#### **DHS MISSION, CORE VALUES, BELIEFS AND 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY LEARNING EXPECTATIONS**

Mr. Forest presented Core Values and Expectations as mandated from the NEASC. Other members include Mr. McCarthy, Alison Reiley, Meghan Ball, Kristine Holloran, Linda Kobierski, Katie Spies. Parent representative was Denise Connel, and student member was Will Weeks, School Committee Member was Mrs. Briggs, Middle School Representative was Margo Fraczeck, and Elementary School Rep was Holli Armstrong. They met on several occasions to develop the standards, indicators, and common themes, and then brainstormed to create the high school mission statement. Mr. Murray discussed the standards and mission statement. "In Partnership with home and school". The Core Values had been refined down to five key words: Rigor, Relevance, Responsibility, Relationships, and Respect, which apply to the whole school experience. Other sub-committees will line up rubrics to align with these new expectations. Steering committees for NEASC have been established.

*Motion made by Mrs. Briggs to accept the Mission Statement, Core Values and Expectations as presented by Mr. Forest and Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Heisler, and voted unanimous.*

#### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS**

Mrs. Butler-Walko discussed the 4 School Committee Goals

1. To monitor the Middle School NCLB status, to support the administration, and grade 5 as they enter grade 6. Communicate with course selections. Grade 8 into grade 9 entrance.
2. To monitor the current FY12 and next year's FY13 Budget
3. Communication amount School Committee members, Administration and across the Community
4. To evaluate the Superintendent and yearly goals.

*Motion made by Mrs. Sullivan to approve the School Committee Goals as presented by Mrs. Butler-Walko, seconded by Mr. Roberts, voted unanimous.*

#### **SURPLUS MATERIALS**

Mr. LaFrancesca discussed the items that the board needs to declare as surplus, 4000 books to discard with a zero value and former bleachers at the football field with a value over \$5000 which there has been no interest or feedback on. With the committee's vote, they be turned over to Dedham Parks and Recreation.

*First Motion – made by Mr. Ryan to make the 4000 books surplus materials (which have a zero value), seconded by Mr. Roberts, voted unanimous.*

*Second Motion – made by Mr. Ryan to declare the bleachers a surplus, seconded by Mrs. Briggs, voted unanimous.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**EVERY SCHOOL RE-USE UPDATE:**

Mr. Heisler informed the committee of that the Avery Re-Use Committee has a potential use of the Avery School, once it is vacated and declared surplus. The Committee was formed end of last year, voted last night to recommend that the school be converted into an Arts and Community Center, a non-profit group offering arts, music, painting sculpturing. A copy of the report was presented to the school committee. The Board of Selectman will meet tomorrow night to discuss.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion made by Mr. Ryan to accept the minutes of the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Mrs. Briggs seconded, voted unanimous.*

**DONATIONS**

1. 3 vehicles donated to the Dedham Public Schools Occupational Education Dept.
2. Lueders Environmental lawncare donated \$50.00
3. Dedham Institution For Savings most generous donation of \$10,000 to the middle school and high school libraries (\$5000 each).
4. DEF Grants – Mock Caldecott Election Program to the Oakdale School \$617.20 and DHS Library \$750.00 for “Read Books You Like”.

*Motion made by Mrs. Briggs with grateful appreciation to accept all the donations, seconded by Mr. Heisler with grateful appreciation, voted unanimous.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

*Motion made by Mr. Roberts to go into Executive Session to discuss agenda for collective bargaining, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko.*

**Roll Call taken:**

Kevin Coughlin-Yes	David Roberts - Yes
Mayanne Briggs-Yes	Dimitria Sullivan- Yes
Joe Heisler-Yes	Susan Butler Walko- Yes
Tom Ryan-Yes	

**The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2012.**