

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 16, 2011**

**MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT WERE:**

Mayanne Briggs, Vice Chair  
Joe Heisler  
Tom Ryan

Dimitria Sullivan  
Susan Butler Walko

**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

**STUDENT UPDATE:**

Term 1 ended November 7<sup>th</sup>. Report cards are being mailed with newsletter plus students will receive the in xblock tomorrow. Senior portraits are due next Friday. Students need to have a 3 x 4 picture. Sports: Thanksgiving Day Football game, winter sports will begin November 28.

**REPORTS:**

Avery School Improvement Plan

PowerPoint presentation by Principal Clare Sullivan, joined by Avery School Council parent Julie McKee??? and Dr. Lucas. Principal Sullivan presented information regarding ELA data, Afterschool MCAS programs, accomplishments, curriculum information, technology, transitioning into the new building, increasing cultural environment focusing on diversity involving ELL families. Continuing to increase parent awareness of student progress, and assessing family needs. Discussed the Power Of One Program, Fastmath Program, and Treasures Program.

**SUPERINENDENT'S UPDATE:**

Superintendent Doe spoke about looking forward to the new computer lab and the new library at the Avery School, for parents to use the library and media center along with the breakfast program. Wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving to all families. The rededication ceremony will take place Thanksgiving morning at Veterans Memorial Field at 9:30am then the football game will start at 10:00. Grades 3,4,5 and 6 MCAS data has been reviewed, analyzed with classroom teachers.

Veterans day assemblies were held this week. Greenlodge School – writing letters to servicemen and woman to be sent during American Education Week. Middle School – Open house initiative for parents of elementary school families. Approximately 100 people attended with tours and department chairs speaking. Report cards went out today at the middle school.

Marge Bohan, Director of Physical Education has arranged a presentation by Jerry Ackerman Production will take place at the high school on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am for middle school students and 10:00 for high school students.

A thank you from Lieutenant Rush for the many notes that were sent to him from Dedham students.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION DATA REPORT**

Director of Special Education, Mrs. Kathy Gaudreau presented information on 2011 MCAS results. The PowerPoint Presentation is available on the website. Overview of standardized testing, District-wide by Grade, Initiatives to improve student learning.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S GOALS**

**Vote: Mr. Ryan made the motion to adopt the Superintendent’s Goals, seconded by Mr. Heisler, voted unanimous.**

**BUS BID**

Mr. LaFrancesca presented information regarding the bid for regular transportation that expired at the end of last year. There were 3 bidders that fulfilled our requirements, a company from Illinois, Summerville and Walpole - Michael J Connolly & Sons by approx. \$100,000 per year. Discussion regarding costs took place.

**Vote: Mr. Heisler made the motion to go into contract with Michael J. Connolly & Sons., seconded by Mr. Ryan, voted unanimous.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Vote: Mr. Heisler made the motion to accept the amended minutes of the meeting of November 2, 2011, seconded by Mr. Ryan, voted unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Vote for capital budget next meeting. Budget Sub Committee will meet Dec. 6, 2011 at 7:30 a.m.  
John and Abigail Adams Reception at the next meeting. Guests will be invited to attend at 6:15 at the middle school.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CHAIRS UPDATE**

The Pep Rally will take place next Wednesday Nov. 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**DONATIONS:**

None

**Vote: Mr. Heisler made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ryan, voted unanimous.  
Meeting ended at 9:50 p.m.**

The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2011 at the Dedham Middle School.