

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Kevin Coughlin, Chair	Joe Heisler
Mayanne Briggs, Vice Chair	Dimitria Sullivan
Dave Roberts	Susan Butler Walko
Tom Ryan	

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

June Doe, Superintendent
Cynthia Kelly, Assistant Superintendent
Michael LaFrancesca, Assistant to the Superintendent for Business
Kathy Gaudreau, Director of Special Education

The Chairman of the School Committee, Kevin Coughlin, convened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

- Principal McCarthy introduced new High School staff : Kathleen Basque (Math), Diane Citron (Special Education), Jessie Daigneault (Biology), Mary Duffy (Math), Stephanie Feinberg (Foreign Language), Jessica Grassis (Fine Arts), Christine Halloran (Interim Math Dept. Chair), Katelyn MacLean (English), Alison Reilley (Foreign Language Dept. Chair), Tricia Rocha (English)
- Principal Gately introduced new Middle School staff: Kristen Avery (School Adjustment Counselor), and Sarah Dempsey (Fine Arts)
- Principal Sullivan introduced new Avery School staff: Kathryn Ryan (Grade 1 Teacher), Alissa Tedeschi (Special Education), and Wendy Garland (Library Media)
- Principal Hammond introduced new ECEC staff: Shawna St. Jean (Pre-School Teacher), Jen Chilson (Kindergarten Teacher), Kelly Schofield (Early Childhood Evaluator)
- Principal Kiewlicz introduced new Greenlodge staff: Leslie Lehane (Special Education Reading), and Sarah Follen (Grade 4 Teacher)
- Principal Armstrong introduced new Oakdale staff: Judy Nickley (Grade 5 Teacher), Meghan Nels (Library Media)
- Principal Claypool introduced new Riverdale staff: Lisa Stanton (Special Education)
- Superintendent Doe thanked everyone and welcomed all new staff

Recognized the following sports teams.

- The Crazy 8's Little League Baseball Team-2011 Hockamuck Champions. Record 11-1-1. Coaches, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Powers, Mr. Mecuri, and Mr. Nosky
- Girls' Softball Team- 2011 Hockamock Champions - Coach Wadman, Mr. St. Cyr and Manager Mr. Mitchell
- Recognized Coach Don Savi for his 200th win last week with the Girls' Soccer Team recently.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:

Mr. Mort Orlov, from the Massachusetts Science Initiative held a presentation at the H.S. this week. Annual report on the progress DHS is making with AP courses. Mr. Orlov and his team will be invited to the next School Committee Meeting. Positive gains and performance in the H.S. AP courses. Parent/Guardian MCAS reports were mailed home today along with a letter regarding student growth percentiles. SGP will show progress of students compared with other students in the same grade with similar MCAS scores. Dedham High School will have an Open House on October 6th at 5:30 for parents of grade 4-8. Horizon's will be offering a new afterschool tutoring program at the Avery school one or two days a week. Superintendent Doe spoke about how very grateful she is for the partnership with Dedham Country Day School, wonderful feedback with the students. Dedham Evening Courses will be offered at the Dedham Middle School, coordinated by middle school teacher Judy Foley. The catalog is being posted on the website, there are several courses.

CHAIR'S UPDATE

October 2nd - Bernie's Run @ the Village Manor at 11:00, proceeds go to the Dedham Education Foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Healy, resident on Whiting Ave commented on the safety concerns regarding the parking lot on Whiting Ave. Superintendent Doe stated that the committee has been working on a plan, there will be no on-site parking. During the season, there will be no access to the end-zone parking lot. Police have additional coverage and information to the public is going to

be sent out. Dedham Middle School, St. Mary's and the Pool parking lot are available for parking. Discussed recommendation from the DPW for flashing lights.

AYP - AYP STATUS DESIGNATION FOR EACH SCHOOL – WHAT IT MEANS AND HOW WE RESPONDED TO EACH LEVEL.

Assistant Superintendent Cynthia Kelly stated that the AYP is a standard set up by the federal No Child Left Behind Act measured by a state performance target, an improvement target and an attendance or graduation requirement. By 2014, 100% of the students need to score proficient. As of this year, 92.2% of students are required to be proficient in Math and 95.1% of student to be proficient in English. This moves up to 98.3 ELA and 92.2 in Math for next year. All elementary schools made AYP for Improvement, Not for performance.

ACTIONS:

- 1st year - no action
- 2nd year - School Improvement Year I, School Choice for Title I School
- 3rd year - School Improvement Year II, School Choice and Supplemental Services
- 4th year – Corrective Action
- 5th Year – Restructuring Year I
- 6th Year – Implement plan created during restructuring year I.

Oakdale

Met their AYP targets. Non Title I School, no status for ELA and Math.

Greenlodge

Non Title I school. No status in ELA and Math. Met their math targets - did not meet their ELA targets.

Avery

Level I school, Title I school, Offered School Choice. Remained 2nd Year School Improvement Year I. Met their math targets – did not meet their ELA targets

Riverdale

Level I school Improvement Year 1. No status for math. Met their math targets, did not meet their ELA targets.

Middle School

Met their ELA target, did not meet their math target Improvement Year II (3rd year)- in Restructuring Year I for subgroups.

High School

Improvement Year II for ELA subgroups. No status for Math. Met AYP because of performance.

Principals of the schools that did not meet AYP discussed changes and modifications they are offering this year working with the state frameworks to make corrective actions.

- Implemented across the district new reading program “Treasures”, a total language approach, aligning with the common core – everyone in the state using the same curriculum and standards. Opportunities coming for students and parents to go on-line with this program. Prof. Dev. Training program district wide for all elementary school teachers for Treasures program beginning 9/15/11
- District wide – leveled reading groups being implemented in all grades 4 and 5 meeting 4 days a week for an hours. Additional read-aloud activities with teachers brainstorming each week. “Treasures” program going well.
- . “Steps to Success” before and after school tutoring program going well giving students support in math reaching students targeting grade 5 now grade 3, looking at Acuity data. Purchased a new reading program “Treasures”. and new full time library-media specialist.
- Full time Library Media Specialist this year at the Riverdale School supporting ELA, technology, reading clubs, and Acuity testing and data to support ELA information.
- Math Coach Nancy Clement will be working with the middle school teachers with Acuity. Continuing MCAS Afterschool Program starting next Thursday, early on based on early results. Started early. Tutorial program being offered during the day taking students out of their specials. Creating more level I classes. Data analysis and action planning during the year. Requested access to the District Math Coach Nancy Clement realigning the curriculum.
- High School - Writing EPP plans for sophomores. Implementing rubrics that will be used in all classes. 10th graders are doing well because of the foundation that they received.

All AYP information and the data PowerPoint will be on the website.

MATH COACHES – Nancy Clement and Bonnie O’Neill discussed the different math projects working with the Mass state curriculum and common core standards. Grade level math professional development workshops working with the staff across the district. Grade 2-5 ”Fast Math Program” working with the media specialists coordinating data. Findings and results looking at the Acuity data. Data turned out quite predictive from Acuity prediction to the MCAS results.

ACHIEVE 3000

Principal Sullivan discussed a non-fiction program that works with students in grades 3 and middle school working at their own level and extra support for ELA students working on comprehension skills in other languages. License is for 100 students in Avery and Middle Schools.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Approval of minutes from the September 7, 2011 general meeting. Motion made by Mrs. Briggs, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko, all approved.

Approval of Revised Executive Session Minutes of August 17, 2011. Motion made by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan, all approved.

Superintendent’s Contract: vote to extend by 2 years, contract will supersede old contract. Contract will be July 1, 2011 and expire July 30, 2014. Motion to approve Superintendent’s contract. Motion made by Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko.

Roll call:

Mr. Roberts – Yes

Mrs. Butler-Walko – Yes

Mr. Ryan – Yes

Mrs. Sullivan – Yes

Mrs. Briggs – Yes

Chairman Coughlin – Yes

All approved 7 - 0

DONATIONS

Lowes Home Improvement project *Heroes Project* donated labor and materials for the Riverdale school.

Next meeting: October 5, 2011

Motion to adjourn

Mr. Roberts made the motion, Mrs. Sullivan seconded. Meeting ended at 10:20.