

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2011**

The Chairman of the School Committee, Kevin Coughlin, convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT WERE:

Kevin Coughlin, Chair	Joe Heisler
Mayanne Briggs, Vice Chair	Dimitria Sullivan
Dave Roberts	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

William O'Donnell was present and thanked by the School Committee for donation of monitors from the County Commissioner Francis O'Brien and John Gillis who were instrumental in the donation of 45 IBM 19 inch monitors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- The Credit Recovery program finished up with good response. 65 students successfully completed the work they owed with an on-line curriculum. This was the 2nd year of this pilot.
- Superintendent Doe read a letter from the Director of the Special Education Planning and Policy Development Office regarding how Dedham met the standards in Special Education as a level I district. Superintendent Doe recognized Kathy Gaudreau, Director of Special Education with the work she did along with her staff who provided the documents for the visit to Dedham.
- The Avery School Construction Schedule is on-time, with no significant setbacks, targeting late December completion. The first of the year would be punch list items. The target date to move into the Avery School is April 15th.
- Fields on schedule. Working. The "D" is now in the field. Facility for the bathrooms is arriving Friday. Mr. Roberts commented on the roof being finished, making very good progress. No major delays.
- Hiring – most academic positions are hired. Welcomed two new Administrative Assistants, Paula Jacobs and Carol Roche who have been recently appointed to the Admin offices.

- Superintendent Doe applauded the Library Board of Trustees who developed a new initiative by purchasing 200 books that was generated for the middle school librarian. This is an excellent program for Dedham students.
- Superintendent Doe spoke attended a 2 -day NEASC conference. Mr. McCarthy also attended similar high school conference. There will be a reaccreditation visit at the middle school scheduled for October. Principal McCarthy spoke regarding the H.S. time line. He has equested the visit to be in the fall 2013.
- Mr. McCarthy submitted a proposal /draft for graduation in 2012. Senior exams will be held on May 29, 30, 31 and June 1st. June 7th graduation rehearsal inside with senior awards that evening. Proposing graduation for Saturday June 9th at 10:00 regardless of the weather, setting up both inside and outside. Additional proposals requested.
- Teachers return Sept. 6 and schools are officially open Sept. 7. New teacher orientation will be held Aug. 30 at the Endicott Estate.

FACILITIES UPDATE:

Mr. Michael LaFrancesca reported:

- Riverdale roof completed.
- Fire escape at Oakdale School will be completed by next week.
- High School Locker room will be ready.
- Facilities Manager – Mr. LaFrancesca described the combined school and town position.

School Committee Chairman Kevin Coughlin made a motion for the school committee to support this position and to move forward with it. Dave Roberts so moved, Dimitria Sullivan seconded, Approved, Unanimous.

Mrs. Doe reported that the solar panels on the high school are live and functioning. There are 525 panels.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2011 MINUTES:

Chairman Coughlin motioned the approval, Mrs. Mayanne Brigg so moved, Seconded by Mr. Joe Heisler. Approved. Mrs. Sullivan abstained.

DONATIONS:

Superintendent Doe read the following donations to the school department:

- Anonymous donation of \$2500 to Mr. Plansky to the athletic department in support of the 2011 summer strength and conditioning program for instruction of the Muscular and Sports Therapy Center.
- Donation of \$1980.00 from Dedham Youth Basketball to the athletic department for a runner for the main gym.

- Donation of \$25,000 from Northeastern University for the concession stand.
- Donation of \$10,000 from the Alumni Association for the concession stand at Stone Park on Veterans Field.
- Donation of \$12,000 from the Dedham Education Partnership for the implementation of the new third grade elementary school literacy program.

Chairman Coughlin made a motion with grateful appreciation to accept all of the donations stated by Superintendent Doe. So moved by Mr. Heisler with grateful appreciation, seconded by Mrs. Briggs with grateful appreciation. Approved, unanimous.

Motion to adjourn for purpose of executive session, exemption 3, negotiation of a non union contract, seconded by Mrs. Butler Walko, vote: unanimous.

Meeting ended at 7:55