

Dedham Public Schools
School Committee
Meeting Minutes July 13, 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 - absent
Dave Roberts - absent	Susan Butler Walko
Tom Ryan	

Members of the Central Administration present were:

June Doe, Superintendent
Cindy Kelly, Assistant Superintendent
Michael La Francesca, Assistant to the Superintendent for Business

Superintendent Doe acknowledged State Representative Paul McMurtry who was present to share with the Committee a donation from Northeastern University in the amount of \$25,000 which is earmarked for the new concession stand at Dedham High School. Rep. McMurtry was instrumental in seeking the assistance from Northeastern.

Superintendent's Update: none

Chair's Update: Friends of Dedham Football are organizing a golf tournament for August 8, 2011. The Dedham 10s are in the State Tournament 2:0 double elimination. Congratulations to coaches and players.

Student Representative's Update: none

Reports:

Superintendent Doe displayed one of the new Net Books that will be distributed to all incoming ninth grade students. Principal Ron McCarthy spoke on the training sessions to be held on two dates in August, and an additional make up date for all students. Freshman orientation will take place on August 30th.

Assistant Superintendent Cindy Kelly reported on the grade 1 and grade 2 literacy program "Treasures" that is being recommended for adoption by the curriculum committee. This is a core reading program with strong technology resources. The payment for the program will be made over two years. Professional development is provided by the company and is easy to be implemented. It is very similar to "Every Day Math" program.

Motion made by Mr. Heisler, and seconded by Mr. Ryan to adopt the "Treasures" Literacy Program, McGraw Hill for 1st and 2nd grades. Approved: 5:0

Meeting with Board of Library Trustees and Don Langenhorst was recently held. They are agreeing to purchase the library books the District is requesting. They will be housed in the Middle and High Schools, but will be the property of the Dedham Public Library.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Mr. Ryan, and seconded by Ms. Butler Walko to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2011 Business meeting. Approved: 5:0

Motion was made by Mr. Ryan, and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the executive session minutes from May 4, 2011. Approved: 5:0

Motion was made by Susan Butler Walko, and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the executive session minutes from May 18, 2011. Approved: 5:0

Motion was made by Mr. Heisler, and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the executive session minutes from June 22, 2011. Approved: 5:0

Donations: None

Avery/Athletic Field Update:

The turf panels will arrive on site on Monday. Consigli has picked up the pace on the installation schedule for the field to be able to meet the deadline. Bleachers are arriving on site tomorrow. Avery School project continues to progress smoothly. Also, the locker room renovation project is progressing.

Old/New Business:

An agreement has been reached on a one year extension of the Custodian/Maintenance Workers Contract. This one year extension is from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. A motion was made by Ms. Briggs, and seconded by Mr. Heisler to accept the MOA as presented. Vote taken by roll call: Ms. Butler Walko-yes, Mr. Ryan-yes, Mr. Heisler-yes, Ms. Briggs-yes, Mr. Coughlin-yes. Approved 5:0

August 17, 2011 will be the next meeting of the School Committee.

Public Comment: none

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Briggs, and seconded by Mr. Heisler