

DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2015

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:

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| Tom Ryan, Chair | Susan Butler-Walko, Vice Chair | Jen Barsamian |
| Kevin Coughlin | Mayanne Briggs | Lisa Laprade |
| Rachel McGregor | | |

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Michael Welch, Superintendent
Dr. Cynthia Kelly, Assistant Superintendent
Samuel Rippin, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Superintendent Welch recognized Mr. Gerry Lavoie, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Dedham Institute For Savings. The Dedham Savings Bank Foundation Grant donated \$10,000 for 671 Chrome book covers donated in the spring of 2015. Additional donations from the Dedham Savings Bank include - Donation to Dedham High School \$1843.60 for 220 iPad sleeves and \$2304.50 for 275 iPad sleeves. Mrs. Marcella Musto also accompanied Mr. Lavoie in the recognition.

Mrs. Butler-Walko motioned to accept the donation from the Dedham Savings Bank Foundation Grant of \$10,000 for 671 Chrome book covers, seconded by Mrs. Barsamian, voted unanimous.

Mr. Ryan thanked the Dedham Savings Bank Foundation Grant for their continued support to the Dedham Public Schools on behalf of the School Committee.

NEW ENGLAND MATH LEAGUE STUDENTS

Nancy Clement, Math Curriculum Coordinator, along with Principal Sullivan, Principal Armstrong, and Principal Banios, recognized the following students and gave each student a certificate.

Avery School NEML Students

Grade 4

Catherine Sargent
Rory Sullivan
Clarissa Piqani
Kleah Cenoli
Austin Landers
Eli King
Gerald Neto
Alexa Cotter

Grade 5

Kynan Davey
Rawad Berghol
Klaudio Vulka
Justin Ingrassia
James McCarthy

Greenlodge School NEML Students

Grade 4

Albert Aramayo
Connie Doyle
Caitlyn Manos
AnneMarie Messina
Jake Reissfelder
Julia Donovan

Grade 5

David Liberatore
Sarah Goode
Sean Nilson
John Hawkins
Alyssa Keane
Owen Croscup
Sophia MacKinnon

Riverdale School NEML Students

Grade 4

Mia Krikorian
Ethan Merithew
Brody Spencer
Noah Young
Day Thurber

Grade 5

Mason Lavalley
Vivien Boudette
Michaela Cronin
Tali Giarrantani-Chandler
Jack Millea
Dylan Donohue
Gavin Keogh

Oakdale School NEML Students

Grade 4

Alex Landry
George Cobi
Cody McManus
Finn Radner
Caeli Aucoin
Michael McDonough

Grade 5

AJ Cuccinotta
Brigid Murray
Eric Linari
Owen McNamara
Zia Quinn
John Riley

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Welch attended the Town Hall Meeting this morning regarding the IT study, the contractor may be attending the June 17 meeting.

The Avery Upper field was used as a snow farm from the historic storms this winter and damaged the field. The soil had been found to be filled with glass. Mr. Welch spoke to Joe Flanagan who will be using sod to fix it. Mr. Welch commented on the great cooperation between DPW and the schools.

Flag Day Parade - a joint meeting will be held for the marchers and viewers. Information will be coming out on how to safely enjoy the parade.

Yesterday was the last half pd day of the year. Yesterday, the entire district participated in self assessment. The district has contracted with Teach Point. Teachers were able to rate themselves and it was a great positive first step.

Today, Unit A MOU was discussed and will go to ratification before the end of school.

Hiring 34 positions for staff who are retiring, leaving or going on a leave. Principals have been instructed to create search committees. 1600 talented applicants are on line thru Talent Ed. Asha Marshall is managing this process well. 8-9 positions are on board and well ahead of the process. The goal is to get all hired before the last day of school.

Mr. Welch thanked the MIT Endicott House and specially thanked Mr. Fitzgerald for the event Monday night honoring the top 30 High School students and their parents.

Class night was held this week - 160 students. Food Service Director, Jeanne Johnson put on a wonderful dinner following the class night.

Graduation is this Saturday at 1:00.

Mrs. Butler-Walko stated she also attended the IT meeting - June 17 will be aired, suggests parents tune in.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

SBRC Update - Mr. Ryan has had conversations with KBA and Mr. Moulton. They are currently reviewing the Dexter options. More information will be at the next meeting on June 8th.

Mrs. Butler-Walko stated that regarding the vote last week regarding the SBRC, keep in mind, we will still need some type of swing space. Going forward the district will need swing space. Mrs. Briggs stated that the Master Plan is scheduled for the swing space.

Mrs. Butler-Walko expressed her concerns about how many years left because of the current condition it is in. Mr. Coughlin stated that's why the kids have to get out as quickly as we can

School Committee Calendar

Mrs. Briggs suggested to move the March School Committee date down to March 9 and 23 with possible more meetings that will be added due to the upcoming budget subcommittee meetings. A revised calendar will be provided at the next meeting.

Munster Scholarship

Mrs. Briggs motioned to empower the Chair of the Dedham School Committee to select two recipients of the Munster Scholarship, Mrs. Laprade seconded - voted unanimous

Mrs. McGregor attended the Algonquin Pipeline meeting - an anticipated 5 mile long project in Dedham. The placement of the anticipated gas pipeline would go be cutting across Gonzalez Field, going to East Street across Washington to Lower East Street. . If there is a problem with the pipeline, parents need to call Dennis Teehan, Mike Butler, Jessica Porter or Meg Duncan Mrs. McGregor stated her concern with construction at the end of June from 7 pm to 5 am working all night all through the summer. Mrs. Butler-Walko stated a letter should be sent to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Welch, stated he will do more research to see what the right step would be. Mr. Ryan stated he would be interested in sending a letter. Mrs. McGregor suggests sending a letter to the public officials.

Avery Field Trip to the Roger Williams Zoo.

Principal Sullivan states this relates to the curriculum. Requesting to leave the state. Wed. June 9th.

Mr. Coughlin voted to approve the Roger William Zoo out of state field trip on June 9th, seconded by Mrs. McGregor, voted unanimous.

MINUTES

The May 27, 2015 Minutes vote will be postponed until the next meeting.

DONATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Laprade stated she attended the Greenlodge School Golf event at the Norfolk Country Club. Dinner at 6:00 Conrad's from Norwood will cater.

Mrs. Barsamian stated she will start a scholarship fund to honor the student representative who decides to make a commitment to the School Committee meetings for the next three years.

Mr. Ryan thanked Mrs. Barsamian for all the years on the School Committee and she will be certainly missed. Mr. Coughlin thanked Mrs. Barsamian and wished her the best of luck. Mrs. Butler-Walko - echoed the same thought as Mr. Ryan and Mr. Coughlin. Mrs. Briggs thanked Mrs. Barsamian for all her dedication and hard work.

Mrs. Barsamian thanked everyone.

Mr. Welch - thanked Mrs. Barsamian for being supportive in his first year and being guided this past year.

Mr. Ryan stated that Mrs. Barsamian has to submit a letter of resignation to Paul Munchbach. Nancy Baker has to post the vacancy. A meeting will be held between the Board of Selectment and the School Committee to select someone to replace Mrs. Barsamian.

Mrs. Butler-Walko - This seat will be for 7 months term, and encourages colleagues and Board of Selectmen to choose someone who will not run for School Committee next year. Looking to keep the process fair.

Mr. Ryan stated - Any individual in the town can submit their candidacy and to step forward if interested in serving on the board.

Mr. Ryan stated the need to go into Executive session regarding pending litigation and collective bargaining under exemption II.

Roll call vote taken

Kevin Coughlin, Yes
Mayanne Briggs, Yes
Jen Barsamian, Yes
Lisa Laprade, Yes
Rachel McGregor, Yes
Susan Butler-Walko, Vice Chair, Yes
Tom Ryan, Chair, Yes