

# DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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## **MEETING MINUTES February 11, 2015**

### **MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Jen Barsamian, Chair	Tom Ryan, Vice Chair	Joe Heisler
Kevin Coughlin	Mayanne Briggs	Susan Butler-Walko
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 7:04 p.m.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:**

- Mr. Welch thanked DPW Director, Joe Flanagan and the Director of Facilities, Denise Moroney and the Maintenance Dept. for getting us back into school today.
- Update on the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar, school will be starting before labor day next year.
- Riverdale Principal search met today, there are 15 members on the committee, proceeding along and looking forward to interviews after vacation
- Dedham Writes publication went out last Friday and continues to make progress
- Dedham Middle School will be taking 25 students to Spain next week.
- A tribute to retired Physical Education Director, Marge Bohan, was held on Friday here in Dedham with a home basketball game.

### **CHAIR'S UPDATE**

Currently, the last day of school given the number of snow days so far, is **Thursday June 25th** - still have a cushion with 3 remaining days - official end of school year will be decided at the end of March.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **ECEC PROJECT UPDATE:**

KBA - Architects Presentation - Dan Bradford

Dan Bradford gave a brief update and overview of the ECEC project - MSBA working in partnership with Dedham and have pre-established dates with submissions to be on their board. SBRC met last evening. Mr. Bradford states Looking at the options that are available - 5 sites they considered PDP - The preliminary design program. Expecting the final draft of the Ed Spec tomorrow from DeJong Richter.

Options:

Critical items - vehicular access, the building addition, exterior requirements ended up with 14 options including adding renovations to each of the school sites to make Pre-K - 5  
Looked at stand alone site at Capen and Dexter and each of the 5 sites Pre-K-5  
KBA has created a matrix

The building committee met last night so they could meet the deadline for submission on the 19th. SBRC voted unanimous last night, and will need a School Committee vote tonight to agree with the SBRC's 6 options as the deadline is February 19th. There are 6 options now. April 16 schematic design submission

**MOTION:**

**Mr. Heisler motioned to vote on the PDP submission that was approved by SBRC, Mrs. Butler-Walko seconded. Voted unanimous.**

SBRC voted on 6 options. Requirement was required to "add reno's" to the options.

- Option 3. Add renovate additions - stand along ECEC at Dexter - goal would be a one story
- Option 6. Oakdale - add renovation - proposal to put on a single story ECEC with shared space, with gymnasium, library, music centers. Retained original brick structure.
- Option 10. New ECEC stand alone at Dexter - all on one floor
- Option 11. New consolidated Pre-5 at Dexter
- Option 12. New consolidated Pre-5 at Greenlodge
- Option 14. New consolidated Pre-5 at Riverdale

Derek Moulton stated that SBRC intended to meet every Monday night and hopes to continue that schedule and hopes to replace the school in a fiscally responsible way.

KBA will be present at the next 3 School Committee meetings on March 4, 18, April 1

**MOTION:**

**Mr. Ryan motioned: The Dedham School Committee acknowledges the School Building Rehabilitation Committee has completed its review of the Preliminary Design Program Report as prepared by Knight Bagge & Anderson for the Dedham Early Childhood Education Center school project, and on February 11, 2015, hereby approve and authorize Construction Monitoring Services, our owner's Project Manager, to submit the Preliminary Design Program Report and related materials to the MSBA for its consideration. Motion seconded by Mrs. Briggs, voted unanimous.**

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion and vote FY16 Operating Budget**

Mrs. McGregor stated that the Budget Sub Committee met earlier this evening, with Mr. Heisler, Mrs. Butler Walko, Mr. Rippin and Superintendent Welch to discuss the FY116 Operating Budget  
Superintendent Welch presented a budget request of 6% increase. After Many conversations proposing a 4.49 % - Net increase - \$1,654,660, cutting \$555,650 off the original budget request of 6%.  
Superintendent Welch thanked the Budget Sub Committee who met on January 29 for all their hard work aligning the budget.

**MOTION:**

**Mrs. McGregor motioned to accept Vote FY16 budget proposal of 4.49% increase total of \$38,493,920 for FY16, Mr. Heisler seconded, voted unanimously**

CAPD committee has been cancelled due to weather 3 times. Significant need in building the capacity with every individual with time, tools and training.

Requirement to math curriculum - completion of everyday Math Curriculum adoption K-5.

Budget sub unanimously voted earlier. Superintendent Welch is recommending to move forward.

Recommendation of PR for PD.

Mr. Coughlin stated no updates on the Parks and Recreation - due to weather

Mr. Welch stated that he had a request from Little Sprouts asking for an extension to the end of March, they are asking for one more month.

**MOTION**

**Mrs. Briggs Motioned to extend the Little Sprouts until March 31,2015, Mrs. Butler-Walko seconded, voted unanimous..**

2015-2016 School Calendar Discussion

**MINUTES**

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Briggs motioned to accept the January 21, 2015 School Committee minutes, seconded by Mr. Ryan, (Mr. Heisler and Mrs. Barsamian abstained), voted unanimous.

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Butler Walko motioned to accept the February 4, 2015 School Committee minutes, seconded by Mrs. McGregor, with the 2 changes on page 2, voted unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Heisler has stated that he will not be running for election this spring and thanked his colleagues and town of Dedham.

Mr. Ryan thanked Mr. Mark Whalen, President from Needham Bank who donated jacket to the Girls' soccer team at their recent banquet .

Next meeting is March 4, 2015

Mr. Heisler motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko, voted unanimous

Meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.