

Dedham Public Schools
School Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2011

Assistant Superintendent, Cindy Kelly convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the School Committee present were:

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| Kevin Coughlin | Joe Heisler |
| Mayanne Briggs | Dimitria Sullivan |
| Dave Roberts | Susan Butler Walko |
| Tom Ryan | |

Members of the Central Administration present were:

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

Town Clerk Paul Munchbach was present to swear in the newly elected members of the School Committee, Tom Ryan and Susan Butler Walko.

Assistant Superintendent Kelly asked for nominations for Chair of the School Committee. Ms. Sullivan nominated Mr. Coughlin and was seconded by Mr. Heisler. No further nominations, nominations closed. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Butler Walko-yes, Mr. Roberts-yes, Ms. Briggs-yes, Mr. Heisler-yes, Ms. Sullivan-yes, Mr. Ryan-yes, Mr. Coughlin-yes.

Meeting was turned over to Mr. Coughlin

Nominations were opened up for Vice Chair. Mr. Ryan nominated Ms. Briggs and was seconded by Mr. Roberts. No further nominations, nominations closed.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Butler Walko-yes, Mr. Roberts-yes, Mr. Heisler-yes, Ms. Sullivan-yes, Mr. Ryan-yes, Ms. Briggs-yes, Mr. Coughlin-yes.

Ms. Butler Walko made a brief statement thanking her family for their support. Thanks expressed to the volunteers, and senior citizens for their support. She welcomes the opportunity to serve on the School Committee and will work hard for the students, families, and community of Dedham.

Chair Update:

The Chair expressed his thanks to fellow board members for the opportunity to be the Chair. Also he thanked Tom Ryan for his efforts and hard work over the past year representing the Committee with class and as a true professional.

Welcome to Ms. Butler Walko as the newest member of the Committee. The Chair is looking forward to working with Superintendent Doe and the administrative team. Thanks to all the employees of the Dedham Public Schools for all their hard work and dedication for the children in Dedham. Initiatives for the upcoming year: To negotiate a pay increase for Superintendent Doe. To open the new Athletic Complex this fall, and new Avery Elementary approximately one year from now. To work on a Library initiative to bring them up to the standards the students deserve. To begin negotiations with all employee unions. The Chair acknowledged the partnership between parents and the schools; it has been strong and will continue to provide the tools for our students to be successful.

Superintendent's Update:

Provided by Assistant Superintendent Kelly. Town Government Day was held April 12, 2011. The school department entertained a visitor from Pakistan who is visiting for two weeks. Mr. Aziz Ahmad Jamali visited the Middle School, visited the Avery School site, and had lunch in the High School cafeteria. He met with three social studies classes in the auditorium in the afternoon. Fifth grade students will view the musical "Guys and Dolls" at the Middle School. Fourth and fifth grade students are competing in the New England Math League Contest. The All Town Art Show will be held at the Dedham Middle School on May 3rd, from 6-8 pm.

Student Representative's Update: none

Old/New Business:

Mr. La Francesca reviewed the Finance Committee approvals for Capital Projects for FY12: Technology Plan for \$275,000 (including funding for net-book initiative), HS locker room renovations for \$220,000, Phase I of Riverdale roof, and removal of fuel tank at HS. Library book replacement – look at surrounding communities to establish a plan to put in place for next year.

Avery Project Update: First, second, and third floors have been poured. Blocking of elevator shaft and stairs. Steel installation almost 100% complete. Athletic field – phase I is complete. Bids out on Phase II.

Action Items:**Approval of Minutes:****Donations:**

The Italian American Club donated the use of the hall for the Annual Town Government Day luncheon. Motion made by Ms. Sullivan to accept with grateful appreciation, and seconded by Ms. Briggs with grateful appreciation. Approved: Unanimous

Public Comment: none

Request: Minutes from SBRC meetings be sent to School Committee members.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Roberts, Ms. Sullivan Approved: Unanimous