

Dedham Public Schools
School Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2010

The Chairman of the School Committee, Tom Ryan, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Members of the School Committee present were:

Tom Ryan, Chair	Joe Heisler
Kevin Coughlin, Vice Chair	Dimitria Sullivan
Dave Roberts	Mayanne Briggs
Tracy Driscoll	

Members of the Central Administration present were:

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

Superintendent's Update:

An open house is scheduled at DHS for incoming grade nine students and their parents on Sunday, January 9, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The sixth grade Fairbanks and Dexter teams participated in the Patriots Pen Essay Contest. Two hundred essays were submitted. "Does patriotism still matter?" was the topic. The winners were:

First Place: Emma Porter, Second Place: Bailey Weldon, Third Place: Gregory Pasciuto.
There are many holiday events taking place at the elementary schools in the upcoming weeks.
470 staff members participated in a recent training on anti-bullying presented from the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center at Bridgewater State College.

Chair's Update:

The Chair reminded everyone of the upcoming holiday concerts at the High School and Middle School as well as the HS Drama production, "Stage Door", being presented this weekend.

Student Representative's Update:

None

Old/New Business:

Unit B Contract presented for approval. Contract represents a 1 year extension of existing contract with Unit B and mirrors the last year of the teachers' contract. This action puts Unit B back in the same negotiating timetable as Unit A. Recommendation from the Superintendent and the Chair to accept the one year collective bargaining agreement as presented.
Motion made by Ms. Briggs, and seconded by Mr. Coughlin to approve the Unit B contract from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012. Roll Call vote taken: Mr. Roberts-yes, Ms. Driscoll-yes, Ms. Briggs-yes, Mr. Heisler-yes, Mr. Coughlin-yes, Ms. Sullivan-yes, Mr. Ryan-yes. Approved: Unanimous

Avery Project Update: meeting two weeks ago, basic housekeeping items were discussed. There are some questions from the community regarding tilling the field in preparation for the Spring.

Dedham School Committee goals:

Ms. Sullivan pointed out one minor change to goals as handed out previously. The 5th bullet add (s) after tool. Motion to accept the Dedham School Committee goals for 2010-2011 was made by Mr. Roberts, and seconded by Ms. Briggs. Approved: Unanimous

Evaluation process for the Superintendent needs to commence. Ms. Doe reminded the Committee of the need to develop an instrument or evaluation tool first. Ms. Driscoll and Ms. Briggs volunteered to create the instrument tool for the evaluation. Recommendation: to have the evaluation instrument in place by the end of January.

Action Items:

Policy Sub-Committee Chair, Mr. Roberts, addressed the Food Allergy Policy that is being revised. The Sub-committee recommends continuing discussions on the language and take comments of parents tonight under advisement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Ms. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Heisler to accept the minutes from December 1, 2010 as printed. Approved: 6:0:1 abstention

Donations:

None

Public Comment:

None

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Ms. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Heisler. Unanimous
Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.