

Dedham Public Schools  
School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 2010

The Chairman of the School Committee, Tom Ryan, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Members of the School Committee present were:**

Tom Ryan, Chair	Joe Heisler – arrived late
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:**

The Superintendent informed the Committee of events occurring in the schools throughout the district over the next few weeks among those were: several fundraising activities taking place for the athletic field lights, the Veterans Day Assembly at the Middle School, Preschool orientation and Kindergarten registration. Greenlodge PTO donated two Smart Boards. New Library Media Specialist has been hired at the Riverdale School. The progress on the Avery Project has been rapid.

**Chair's Update:**

The Chair wished to dispel the rumors circulating via email and phone calls regarding the practice of not permitting students to talk during lunch in the elementary grades. The Superintendent and Principals state it is the policy and practice to allow students to have open discussions in their classrooms during lunch. The Committee is planning a School Council training to be scheduled tentatively for December 6, 2010, more information to follow. Congratulations to the girls' soccer and field hockey teams for making it to the tournament. Congratulations were also extended to the Pop Warner teams. Recommendation: To provide information on the Bullying presentation/policy to the youth coaches.

**Student Representative's Update:**

Liz Merino is sharing the duties of the Student Representative. November is a very busy month for Seniors. Some upcoming events highlighted are: Powder Puff game, Spirit Week, Pep Rally, and Homecoming.

**Discussion Items:**

High School Annual Ski Trip approval was requested by Ms. Barbara Smith on behalf of the high school Ski and Snow Board Club.

Motion made by Mr. Roberts to support the DHS Ski Trip as proposed and outlined, and seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Approved: Unanimous

**Reports:**

An overview of the Growth Model from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education was presented by Assistant Superintendent Cindy Kelly. This comparison of data is based on percentiles. A Power Point presentation was used in overview.

Recommendation: Presentation to PTO's to inform parents of the information given to them so that they have a better understanding.

Capital Budget was presented for discussion by Michael La Francesca, Assistant to the Superintendent for Business and Finance. Mr. Langenhorst provided additional information on the Educational Technology Program request and replacement of library books request. Mr. Lynch provided additional information on the roof replacement project, gym ceiling repairs, oil tank removal, and exterior painting of elementary building requests. Mr. Plansky provided additional information on the Boys and Girls locker room renovations request. There are ten priorities for the FY12 Capital Budget Request. The total Capital request for FY12 is \$1,051,848.00.

Recommendation: To educate members of the capital committee regarding the evolution of the school budget in respect to library book replacements. The chair of the Budget Sub-committee recommends moving the Capital Project Budget to the full committee for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Heisler, and seconded by Ms. Sullivan to approve the Capital Requests for FY12 as proposed. Approved: Unanimous

**Avery Update:**

SBRC continues to work with the Planning Board to iron out the traffic plan for the Avery Project.

Progress is being made with earth moving. There is a plan in place to start excavation on the athletic field sometime after November 22<sup>nd</sup>, when bids are due.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Ms. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Heisler to approve the minutes of October 22, 2010.

Approved: Unanimous

**Donations:**

The Athletic Department received a donation of \$2,098.59 from the Dedham Athletic Booster Club. This money is earmarked to help defray the cost of the new wrestling mat.

Motion made by Ms. Sullivan to accept the donation with grateful appreciation, and seconded by Ms. Driscoll with grateful appreciation. Approved: Unanimous

**Public Comment:** Taken out of Order

Mr. Dellolacono requested to reinstate the tradition of holding a pep rally the night before Thanksgiving Day football game, the last one was held in 1988. There has been much support and enthusiasm expressed throughout the community. There was a request for permission to use Dedham Middle School for parking.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Mr. Roberts, and seconded by Mr. Heisler. Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.