

Dedham Public Schools
School Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 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
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 (arrived late)

The Superintendent, along with the principals from each building, introduced the new teachers in the district for the 2010-11 school year to the Committee.

Action Items:

Policy Sub-Committee reported on Web 2.0 Policy and updated Technology Policies. Policy changes/updates were submitted to Committee members prior to the meeting. It was a recommendation from the Policy Sub-Committee to move policies forward to the full board for discussion and vote. Mr. Don Langenhorst gave the Committee a brief overview of the changes/updates to the policies.

Motion made by Mr. Coughlin, and seconded by Ms. Briggs to accept the Web 2.0 Policy as modified and presented October 2010. Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Motion made by Ms. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Heisler to adopt the modifications to the Employee Email Policy as presented October 2010. Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Motion made by Ms. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Coughlin to adopt the modifications to the Student Network Acceptable Use Policy as presented October 2010. Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Motion made by Ms. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Coughlin to adopt the modifications to the Staff Network Acceptable Use Policy as presented October 2010. Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Motion made by Mr. Roberts, and seconded by Mr. Heisler to adopt the modifications to the Use of Electronic Devices Policy. Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Other: Bullying Policy is still under review. A meeting is scheduled for October 25th at the Middle School Library for input from parents regarding the policy. This policy must be filed with DESE by the end of December 2010.

Superintendent's Update:

Superintendent Doe updated the Committee on events going on in the schools for the past two weeks. The official ground breaking ceremony for the new Avery school is scheduled for October 15, 2010.

Principal Santamaria presented Mrs. Doe with a plaque from Boston Magazine recognizing Dedham High School as one of the top 50 best public high schools in the State. It was accepted with great pride. Dr. John Laflamme reviewed participation levels in the Summer Reading Programs. Principal Santamaria presented update on ELA and Math MCAS prep.

Chair's Update:

Mr. Ryan announced progress reports went out for Dedham Middle School and Dedham High School today.

Student Representative's Update: None available

Reports:

Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator-Town of Dedham, presented the Town Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy to the Committee for discussion and vote. Information presented to Committee members in advance. (also present were Liz O'Donnell, Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee and Chris Minor, Intern).

Local Climate Action Plan was presented to the Committee. Information distributed in packets.

The Chair recommends writing a letter endorsing the Local Climate Action Plan with the understanding any programs impacting or altering the curriculum and/or budget would be subject to review and further consideration.

Motion made to grant the Chair the authority to write a letter of support as stated above by Mr. Heisler, and seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Motion made by Mr. Heisler to adopt the Town Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy, and seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Avery Project Update:

SBRC waiting for response from MSBA to allow joint construction manager services for the field and school.

Abutters meeting was held and well received. SBRC met with Planning Board for a traffic review.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Ms. Sullivan, and seconded by Ms. Driscoll to accept the Minutes of the September 22, 2010.

Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Donations:

Avery and Oakdale schools received a donation from Mrs. Carol Donahue and Ms. Paula Murphy from Six Red Marbles. The donation is a one year free subscription of a software program called Wasa. This is a first grade program that introduces math through interactive play.

Motion made to accept the donation with grateful appreciation by Ms. Driscoll, and seconded by Mr. Roberts with grateful appreciation. Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Old/New Business:

An updated draft of the Superintendent's goals for 2010-2011 was delivered to Committee members for review prior to meeting. Goals were developed over the summer with the sub-committee.

Motion made to approve the goals as presented by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Briggs. Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Committee members received a packet of background information regarding easement on Oakdale School property (item tabled from last meeting). Legal opinion from Kopelman and Paige and revised Article language was given to Committee members. Recommendation of Chair to vote to approve Article 14 language as proposed from legal counsel.

Motion made to approve Article 14 as amended by Mr. Coughlin, and seconded by Ms. Sullivan. Approved: Unanimous 7:0

Public Comment: None

Superintendent Doe announced the upcoming presentation on bullying for parents and community members to be held on Monday, November 1, 2010 in the Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. This presentation was generously supported by the PTO's.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:40 p.m.