

**Dedham Public Schools
School Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2010**

The Chairman of the School Committee, Tom Ryan, called the meeting to order at 7:05 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

The Committee recognized the Dedham 9's baseball team for their winning season.

Attorney Peter Zakha appeared before the Committee, representing his client Dominick Morando, to request an easement be granted over school property at the Oakdale School for access to property at 48 Lincoln Street for the purpose of correcting an ambiguity in the interpretation of the right of way. Article language was reviewed and revised by School Counsel.

Action: Item tabled, members were not prepared to vote on recommendation and warrant article.

Recommendation: Materials and information to be sent to committee members for review.

Superintendent's Update:

The Superintendent reported on the first Safety Committee meeting. Safe Routes to Schools initiative sponsored by the State is being implemented in the schools. Fire drills have been conducted in all schools. The first early release day was held today. Assistant Superintendent reported on the specifics of professional development that was scheduled.

Chair's Update: None

Student Representative's Update:

Samantha Parr was introduced as the new student representative. She shared some background information on herself. She gave an update on opening of school and noted upcoming events going on at the high school - Spirit Week and Homecoming, specifically.

Reports:

Project Success

Principal Santamaria and Assistant Principal Murray presented strategies to address AYP at Dedham High School. Materials sent to committee members in advance.

Principal Gately presented Dedham Middle School AYP goals and status update. Materials sent to committee members in advance. Principal Gately reported on data from MCAS Enrichment Program last year. A comparison of the total number of students identified for the program and the low participation in the program was noted.

Department Chairs present for follow up and questions were Dr. Laflamme, Mr. Hickey, and Mrs. Young.

Request: Mrs. Gately was asked to forward a copy of the statistics from MCAS Enrichment Program that she presented to committee members.

Request: To place the Middle School AYP Goals and Status Update on the website for parents to view.

Dr. Laflamme gave an overview of ELA writing requirements across the district.

Elementary Schools:

The four elementary principals, Mrs. Kiewlicz, Ms. Armstrong, Mrs. Sullivan, and Mrs. Claypool presented an update on targeted improvement in literacy and math. Material presented was not included in packets. Mrs. Claypool will distribute to committee after the meeting.

Presentation (Power Point) was made by the elementary principals of "Time on Learning" and the comprehensive information that lead to the decision to reduce morning recess. Materials sent to committee members in advance.

The Chair allowed for questions from the board regarding recess.

The Chair allowed for questions or comments from the audience.

The Chair allowed for questions from the board regarding AYP.

Request: To provide an instructional link for parents on how to access Acuity and Lexia.

Recommendation from the Chair is to focus on the remediation programs and share information with the parents over the course of the year.

Update on the new Avery and the Fields:

Mr. Roberts updated the committee in regards to a neighborhood meeting scheduled for next Wednesday evening in the HS cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. Designer work is progressing. SBRC is waiting for written response from MSBA to bridge the construction for Avery and the fields. Trailers will be onsite this week. Parking was discussed and parking will be on the site.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Roberts, and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the minutes from August 18, 2010.

Approved: Unanimous

Motion made by Ms. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Heisler to approve the minutes from September 8, 2010.

Approved: Unanimous

Donations:

A new laser printer was donated by Anne and Michael Podolski to the technology department.

St. Vincent DePaul, St. Suzanna's Parish donated \$25 Staples gift cards to the Middle School.

Motion to accept donations was made by Ms. Sullivan with grateful appreciation, and seconded by Ms. Driscoll, also with grateful appreciation. Approved: Unanimous

Public Comment: None**Action Items:**

Paraprofessional Contract was ratified earlier this week. Recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the three year contract as presented. Motion to approve the contract made by Mr. Heisler, and seconded by Mr. Coughlin. Approved: Unanimous (Vote conducted by roll call)

Budget Sub-Committee met to discuss Education Jobs Funding Grant. Recommendation of Sub-Committee is to approve submittal of grant. Allocation of funds as proposed by Mr. La Francesca include: restore Title 1 teacher, additional MS math teacher, additional .6 ELL teacher, and 11% MTRS contribution for the positions. Total \$144,532.00 projected. Motion to support the Education Jobs Bill as proposed was made by Mr. Roberts, and seconded by Mr. Heisler. Approved: Unanimous

Next Agenda:

Recommendations from Policy Sub-Committee

Superintendent Goals

Invite new teachers

Note: There will be a presentation on Bullying appropriate for parents on November 1, 2010, district-wide at the Middle School at 7:00 p.m. Principal Andrew Zitoli, from Millis will be the speaker.

Motion to Adjourn made by Ms. Sullivan, and seconded by Mr. Coughlin. Approved: Unanimous 10:43 p.m.