

# DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee  
Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86934022461>

## Minutes

### I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carmignani at 7:05 PM

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Moment of Silence

### IV. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of the Warrant (Voucher 109-114, Voucher 1000 - FY24)
- b. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting – June 14, June 28, July 5, July 19, 2023
- c. Approval of Minutes Executive Session – June 14, July 5, 2023
- d. Approval of Minutes School Committee Workshop – June 27, 2023

A motion by C. Panczyk, second by M. Chickering to approve all consent agenda items with the exception of the June 14 2023, minutes was approved unanimously.

- C. Carmignani – Yes
- M. Chickering - Yes
- J. Costello – Yes
- J. Dell'Ovo – Yes
- N. Enberg – Absent for this vote
- C. Panczyk – Yes
- K. Szela – Yes

### V. Communications

A communication was sent out to the town of Dudley from the Superintendent concerning a book on the summer reading list. The book contains two passages discussing the “coming of age” that could make some parents or students uncomfortable. The District apologizes for not providing a disclaimer for this particular book.

J. Costello mentions a communication she received about a specific book on the Charlton Middle School summer reading list.

### VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment this evening.

### VII. New Business

- A. Update Fiscal Year 2024
  - a. Update – Dudley Special Town Meeting  
Members of the District and School Committee attended the Dudley Town meeting held on July 24, 2023. An amendment was passed by the voters of the town that contained two contingent budgets, both of which accounted for the adjusted assessment the school has asked for. It is uncertain if the amendment presented will stand up over time, so the District plans to continue to move forward in a cautious, conservative manner toward our budget. The vote on August 17, 2023, will hopefully clarify where the District fully stands.

b. Special District-Wide Meeting

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the August 17, 2023, vote, it is recommended that a Special District-Wide meeting be held on August 23, 2023, with a rain-delay date of August 24, 2023, at Shepherd Hill Regional High School's football field.

Chair Carmignani entertains a motion to schedule a special district-wide meeting for Wednesday, August 23 at 7 p.m. on the Shepherd Hill football field and the meeting would only be postponed for the following day at 7 p.m. due to emergency weather conditions.

K. Szela votes to move the motion forward with a second by J. Costello. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Carmignani – Yes

M. Chickering - Yes

J. Costello – Yes

J. Dell'Ovo – Yes

N. Enberg – Yes

C. Panczyk – Yes

K. Szela – Yes

**VIII. Executive Session:** To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining [**Massachusetts Nurses Association**] or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares, only to reconvene into regular session, to take votes if necessary, and adjourn.

A motion by K. Szela, second by M. Chickering to enter into Executive Session at 7:55 pm was passed unanimously.

C. Carmignani – Yes

M. Chickering - Yes

J. Costello – Yes

J. Dell'Ovo – Yes

N. Enberg – Yes

C. Panczyk – Yes

K. Szela – Yes

The School Committee entered back into open session.

A motion by K. Szela, second by C. Panczyk to agree and endorse the side letter of agreement for Article 24 - Reduction in Force with the Massachusetts Nurses' Association was passed unanimously.

C. Carmignani – Yes

M. Chickering - Yes

J. Costello – Yes

J. Dell'Ovo – Yes

N. Enberg – Yes

C. Panczyk – Yes

K. Szela – Yes

## **IX. Adjourn**

A motion by K. Szela, second by C. Panczyk to adjourn the School Committee meeting was passed unanimously.

C. Carmignani – Yes

M. Chickering - Yes

J. Costello – Yes

J. Dell'Ovo – Yes

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K. Szela – Yes

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## 2022-2023 School Committee Goals

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### Shepherd Hill Building Project

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**Policy Review Subcommittee:** TBD – Video Conference

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