

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:45 PM

Town Hall, Meeting Room 1, 37 Main St.

MINUTES

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

In attendance:

Jeanne Costello, Vice-Chair

Maureen Chickering

Jaime Dell'Ovo

Kelly Szela

Without objection from Boards of Selectmen, FINCOM, and School Committee, Chair Zurawski will chair and facilitate the joint meeting, with any votes being taken, if required separately by Committees/Boards.

II. Meet with Finance Committee and DCRSD School Committee to Discuss FY25 Budget

BOS and Town Administrator Andrew Golas highlighted the FY25 Town of Charlton Budget to include Education. Superintendent Lamarche was asked to the public table to answer questions of the BOS. Questions regarding the increase this year, the Town of Dudley and the need for DCRSD to advertise the good things that are occurring were discussed.

III. Presentation on Fire department Substation Project

School Committee adjourned prior to this presentation as members chose to stay or leave

IV. Adjourn

A motion by J. Dell'Ovo, second by K. Szela to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM was passed unanimously.

J. Costello – Yes

M. Chickering – Yes

J. Dell' Ovo – Yes

K. Szela – Yes

The items listed, which may be discussed at the meeting, are those reasonably anticipated by the chair. Not all items listed may, in-fact be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. The School Committee may vote on all items listed on this agenda.

"...to advance the knowledge and well-being of our children and our community."

2023-2024 School Committee Goals

Fiscal Responsibility

- *The Dudley-Charlton School Committee will revise its Capital Plan to reflect the needs for Shepherd Hill Regional High School.*
- *The Dudley-Charlton School Committee will continue its commitment to seeking cost-saving opportunities to ensure a sustainable budget for FY25.*
- *The Dudley-Charlton School Committee will seek input on budget priorities from staff, students, and community members and will educate the constituents on all aspects of the budget development process.*
- *The Dudley-Charlton School Committee will commission an operational audit during the 2023-2024 school year.*

Enhance Educational Excellence

- *The Dudley-Charlton School Committee will seek to maintain the integrity of a comprehensive educational experience for all students.*
- *The Dudley-Charlton School Committee will ensure that students have access to modern equipment and technologies.*

Enhance Community Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement

- *The Dudley-Charlton School Committee will increase outreach to our communities by strengthening our working relationships with local boards and expanding our presence at school and community events.*
- *The Dudley-Charlton School Committee will continue to provide opportunities for all stakeholders to be cognizant of the resources available to our students and families within the district, as well as any major initiatives within the District.*

Next Meeting Dates

School Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 6:30PM Charlton Middle School

Budget and Finance Subcommittee: Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 10:00 PM - Video Conference

Policy Review Subcommittee: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – 9:30 AM - District Office

Curriculum Subcommittee for Teaching and Learning: TBD – Video Conference

Capital Outlay/Safety Subcommittee: TBD – Video Conference

Future Agenda Items: DCRSD Student Achievement Report (April), Superintendent's Evaluation (April), School Councils (May), SEPAC (May), Student Handbooks (May), Capital Planning (June), ERS Operational Audit (June)