

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

July 31, 2017

The warrants for bills payable were reviewed and signed by the School Committee.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dr. Shannon Jenkins, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the James M. Quinn Elementary School. She noted that the meeting was being videotaped for future broadcast over DCTV and is aired on Wednesday and Friday evenings and, also, the DHS YouTube channel

Present were the following members: Mr. Oliver, Dr. Karafotis, Mr. Nunes, Mrs. Amaral, and Dr. Jenkins.

Also present: Dr. Gifford, Mr. Kiely, and Mrs. Boucher.

Visitors present: Mr. Gallishaw, Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Pavao,, Mrs. Townson, and also members of the community. Ms. Teresa Hamm was present representing the Finance Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered on any agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2017 Regular Session School Committee meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2017 Executive Session School Committee meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Gifford recommended the following request to be approved by Committee members:

- Request for use of Classroom Space at Dartmouth High School from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 by Southeastern MA Educational Collaborative (SMEC).

Mr. Kiely stated that SMEC has requested the use of two (2) full size classrooms at the Dartmouth High School for the charge of \$7,902 each to accommodate both school year and extended year program. Mr. Kiely stated that the fee represents a three (3%) percent increase over the fee charged for fiscal year 2017.

Mr. Oliver stated that fee paid by SMEC goes to the Dartmouth High School building revolving account.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to approve the lease agreement between the Dartmouth School Committee and the Southeastern MA Educational Collaborative for the use of two (2) full size classrooms at Dartmouth High School for the fee of \$7,902 each for the period July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 to accommodate both school year and extended year program and to authorize the Chairperson to execute the lease. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Equipment:

Fitness Equipment: Mr. Kiely reported that the Dartmouth High School fitness center has been renovated and reconfigured. This project has been funded through the generous donation of the Francis A. Howland Trust. We now have a very nice fitness center for everyone's use. As a result of the renovation, we have a great deal of used fitness equipment that has been accumulated over the years. Some of the equipment has been moved to the Middle School for their use. Mr. Kiely requested the Committee to declare the remaining fitness equipment surplus. Any funds received would go the Town of Dartmouth as miscellaneous receipts.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to declare the excess fitness equipment as surplus. The motion carried unanimously.

Technology Equipment: Mr. Gallishaw provided Committee members with an extensive list of obsolete technology equipment. He requested the Committee to declare the equipment surplus.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to declare the obsolete technology equipment as surplus. The motion carried unanimously.

Ongoing & Upcoming Maintenance and Improvement Projects: Mr. Kiely provided the Committee members with an update on the extensive projects undertaken by our Maintenance Department this summer. Some of the highlighted projects are as follows:

Dartmouth High School:

- High efficiency boiler replacement project;
- Fitness room renovation;
- Science lab renovation/creation;
- Air conditioning replacement;
- Point of sale terminal replacement.
- Miscellaneous repairs and upgrades.

Dartmouth Middle School:

- Flooring replacement
- Creation of new OT/PT/APE space;
- Creation of new green screen room and instructional technology space;
- Air conditioning replacement – nurse's office;
- Point of sale terminal replacement;
- Courtyard renovation;
- Routine and preventative maintenance.

Cushman School:

- Point of sale terminal replacement;
- Routine and preventative maintenance.

DeMello School:

- Relocation and renovation of principal's office and nurse and teacher's room spaces;
- Point of sale terminal replacement;
- Routine and preventative maintenance.

Potter School:

- Preschool exterior and interior renovations;
- Point of sale terminal replacement;
- Water meter replacement;
- Pavement repairs;
- Routine and preventative maintenance.

Quinn School:

- Installation of energy saving lighting fixtures;
- Point of sale terminal replacement;
- Water meter replacement;
- Repair backstops;
- Install new fencing;
- Routine and preventative maintenance.

Administration Building:

- Exterior roof and siding replacement with trim and fire escape painting.

Mr. Kiely commended the maintenance staff for all their efforts on behalf of the district.

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Gifford reported on the following:

- The hiring of new staff members continues for the upcoming school year.
- The Highlander Institute will be providing professional development to staff members K-12.
- Fifty (50) staff members will participate in a personalized learning boot camp to be held in Providence on August 7 and 8.

- A two-day summer retreat for administrators will be held on August 9 and 10 with the concentration based on curriculum.

Facilities Master Plan: Mr. Kiely stated the formation of a facilities master plan has been in the process for some time. A very productive meeting was recently held with representatives of SMMA, the architectural firm preparing the master plan. Mr. Kiely stated that the SMMA representatives would like to address the School Committee at their meeting on August 28th to discuss the plan.

Mr. Nunes stated that having SMMA is an impartial set of eyes analyzing the district's needs.

Mr. Kiely stated that SMMA is offering options and suggestions for the district to move forward.

Mr. Oliver stated, "it will provide validation to what we have been saying for some time. We can look forward to the future and what we will do with the buildings in the next 10-20 years."

Summer Programs: Mrs. Oliveira stated that we have many different summer programs operating at Dartmouth High School. "Everyone comes in with a happy face and leaves the same way!" Three hundred (300) students and eighty (80) staff members, and forty (40) peer tutors are participating in the program. Forty-five (45) students participated in the credit recovery program. Sixty (60) students participated in the SAIL program.

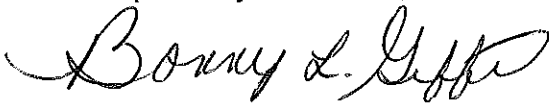
Dr. Gifford praised Mrs. Oliveira for her efforts in developing the summer programs.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, August 28, 2017.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. in order to discuss strategies with respect to collective bargaining with non-union personnel and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation. The Committee will not be returning to Open Session. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonny L. Gifford, Ed.D.
Superintendent