

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

September 11, 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

Dr. Jenkins welcomed Mr. Nunes back after his recent bout of illness.

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

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

Visitors present: Mr. Gallishaw, Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Townson, Mr. Thibault, Ms. Chavier, Mr. Doane, Mrs. Pavao, Mr. Grandfield, Mrs. Yermalovich, Mr. Kingsland, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. McHenry, and also members of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered on any agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the Regular Session Minutes of July 31 and August 28, 2017. The motion carried with Mr. Nunes abstaining due to his absence from the August 28th meeting.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 31, 2017 with the condition that they be held until the matter/s for which the session was requested have been settled. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 28, 2017 with the condition that they be held until the matter/s for which the session was requested have been settled. The motion carried with Mr. Nunes abstaining due to his absence from the August 28, 2017 meeting.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to table the Executive Session Minutes of August 22, 2017 in order that the attendance of School Committee members at that meeting be confirmed. The motion carried unanimously.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL/POSITION</u>	<u>MENTOR</u>
<u>DEMELLO</u>		
Brejcha, Kelsie	Grade 1 Teacher	Katie Amaral
Alvanas, Jennifer	Grade 1 Teacher	Katie Amaral
Harrington, Courtney	Grade 1 Teacher	Amy Slavin
D'Ambrosio, Kelly	Math Specialist	Lisa Reitzas
Catajo, Tara	Art Teacher (.8)	Lisa Reitzas
Desmarais, Gabrielle	Grade 2 Teacher (LTS)	Melissa Pickering
<u>POTTER</u>		
Weaver, Tricia	Preschool Teacher	Andrea Abreu
<u>QUINN</u>		
Ingham, Joanna	Special Education Teacher	Amy Polak
Clune, Jennifer	Literacy Coach	Carolyn Soares
Franzese, Melanie	School Nurse	
DeCosta, Ashley	Special Education Teacher	Lindsay Vafides
Rose-Wells, Kelly	Grade 4 Teacher	Jessica Collyer
<u>DMS</u>		
Lassey, Rachel	Physical Education Teacher	Ali Caito-Galligan
Breault, Robin	School Nurse	
Dufault, Elizabeth	Special Education Teacher	Carolyn Wingate
Koenig, Michael	Special Education Teacher	Lisa Katz-Turgeon
Desjardins, Adam	Technology Teacher	Anne Brown
Vrakas, Vasiliki	Grade 7 Math Teacher	Rochelle Mitchell
Sousa, Krystal	Grade 8 Science (LTS)	Rochelle Mitchell
Braga, Adam	Grade 8 Social Studies	Paul Leconte
Sylvia, Fritha	Grade 6 Math Teacher	Melanie Matteson
<u>DHS</u>		
Nocon, Stephanie	Social Worker	Cathy Thomas
Lima, Wesley	English Teacher	Wilbur Higgins
Hellkamp, Bryan	Social Studies Teacher	Elizabeth True
Enoksen, Lauren	Social Studies Teacher	Caitlin McCarron-Deely
Duarte, Kelly	ELL Teacher	Kerry DeJesus
<u>CUSHMAN</u>		
Rotsky, Courtney	Preschool Teacher	Lisa Dwyer
Mueller, Anne	Outreach Social Worker (.5)	Sharlene Swainamer
<u>DISTRICT</u>		
Goyette, Geena	Speech Language Path. (.2)	Lisa Dwyer
Noyes-Fredette, Heather	Occupational Therapist (.4)	Kathleen Baldwin

Committee members welcomed the new teachers and extended their best wishes for a successful school year.

Dr. Karafotis stated that she enjoyed reading the biographies of the new staff members. "The better the staff, the better our students will be."

Mr. Nunes stated "communication is the key between new staff members and their mentors".

Dr. Jenkins stated "it is exciting to see the new teachers. Dartmouth is a great school district. I have two children in the schools and I am very happy with their education."

Dr. Jenkins allowed for a brief recess in order that the new staff members and their mentors could be excused from the remainder of the School Committee meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Gifford recommended the approval of the following fundraising activities:

- Fundraising Activities – Dartmouth School Music Association;
- Fundraising Activities – Quinn School PTO;
- Fundraising Activities – Potter School PTO

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to approve the fundraising activities submitted to the School Committee for review and consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oliver thanked all the parent volunteers who graciously give of their time, effort and energy to make these fundraising activities a success. A lot of the events made possible as a result of the fundraising would not be possible without the help from the community.

Dr. Jenkins also praised the fundraising activities conducted throughout the district. The Dartmouth School Music Association raises a lot of money for our music department. "Committed community members make it happen."

Dr. Karafotis stated, "as a elementary principal, we would not have had the special programs, and field trips if it were not for the parent and community support. Thank you!"

NEW BUSINESS

Capital Improvement Plan – Update: Mr. Kiely reported that the Capital Improvement Planning Committee has considered our CIP requests and has made preliminary recommendations to support the following projects. All of the recommendations will be moved to the Fall Town Meeting which will be held in October.

- Dartmouth Memorial Stadium Improvements - \$50,000;
- Flooring replacement Project - \$150,000;
- Classroom Furniture - \$100,000;
- Replacement of Doors and Hardware - \$170,000;
- Playground Improvements - \$175,000

TOTAL: \$645,000

The \$50,000 requested for the stadium improvements will be used for preliminary design work which will include blueprints, etc. Mr. Oliver was very pleased the CIP Committee supported this request. He stated the Turf Committee plans to meet again on September 13th. The members will be looking at successful projects in the Commonwealth. He will bring back an update to the School Committee members at their next meeting.

Dr. Jenkins stated that she is happy the stadium project is moving forward although she is somewhat frustrated. "The best scenario for funding is in June 2018 which would mean we would be looking at the fall of 2019 at the earliest."

Dr. Karafotis thanked Mr. Kiely for his efforts. "The Capital Improvement Planning Committee keep our schools maintained. They have been very generous to the school district."

FY17 Financial Report – Final: Mr. Kiely provided Committee members with a final financial report for FY17. The fiscal year ended with no funds remaining in the \$40,860,671 operating budget. Budget transfers totaled \$573,618.83 or 1.4%. "We focused on technology and instructional materials." Mr. Kiely stated we were fortunate to save a great deal in the area of utilities. We look forward to more savings now that the high school boiler has been replaced.

Mr. Nunes inquired as to the increase in special education tuitions. Mr. Kiely responded that we have had a significant increase due to new students.

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

- School year is off to a great start!
- Fall Sports have begun.
- Middle School Open House was terrific. Kudos to the middle school staff!
- DHS School Store – great Dartmouth gear is available!
- New biotech lab and engineering space is operational at DHS.
- Administration building is having exterior renovations and is looking great!

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Dr. Jenkins recommended Committee members participate in a working session to discuss the Facilities Master Plan and plan for upcoming meeting agendas. Suggested meeting dates are September 18th and October 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Kiely will contact the representatives from SMMA to determine their availability to meet with the Committee.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- Mr. Oliver commended the custodial and maintenance staffs along with the technology team for their phenomenal job in getting the buildings ready for another school year. "We have one of the best teams in the area!"
- The new Dartmouth Public Schools website looks great!

NEXT MEETING

The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, September 25, 2017.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bonny L. Gifford".

Bonny L. Gifford, Ed.D.
Superintendent