

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 30, 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 Christopher Oliver, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the James M. Quinn Elementary School. He 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. We also now have the capability of providing hearing impaired community members with a headset that will help to make the Committee members discussion clear and concise.

Present were the following members: Dr. Karafotis, Mr. Nunes, Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Oliver. Student Representative Stacie Hartman was also present. (Mr. Garth was representing the School Committee at the Joint Meeting at the Town Hall regarding the Allendale Country Club property.) He will join the School Committee meeting upon adjournment of the Joint Meeting.)

Also present: Dr. Gifford, Ms. Roy, and Mrs. Boucher. (Mr. Kiely was absent due to illness.)

Visitors present: Mr. Gallishaw, Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Cabral-Townson, Mrs. Brooks, Ms. Maccini, Mrs. Pavao, Mr. Martin, Mrs. McHenry, Mr. Grandfield, Mrs. Thomas, and also members of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered on any of the agenda items for this evening's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Jenkins to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular Session School Committee meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Stacie Hartman updated the Committee on activities taking place at Dartmouth High School:

- The DHS Varsity Cheerleaders competed at the NCA Senior High School Championship in Dallas, TX and placed 9th. Great accomplishment!!
- TED Talks will once again be held on March 8th.
- The new Library Media policy is working very well. The media center is now a quiet working space for students.
- The National Honor Society students will be conducting their annual Valentine's Dance with the Council on Aging. Great annual project!

Following Dr. Gifford's presentation, Committee members offered the following comments:

Mr. Nunes stated he is very pleased with the work taking place in the district.

Dr. Karafotis inquired about the iSTEM clubs at the elementary schools. Dr. Gifford stated they have been so popular that another session will be held for students on the waiting list. Dr. Karafotis stated that she is very impressed and appreciates the hard work taking place in the district.

Dr. Jenkins stated that she is very interested in the Pathways for Math.

Mr. Oliver stated, "a lot of work is taking place over the past year and a half. I am pleased to hear we are offering more professional development to the administrative team on the evaluation instrument. It is imperative that it is used properly."

Update: FY18-FY22 Capital Improvement Plan: Committee members had no questions or comments regarding the FY18-FY22 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

- Field trip forms have been updated and are more definitive.
- A policy subcommittee meeting is planned for February 8th.

Report of the Chair:

Mr. Oliver reported that a Budget Subcommittee meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 7th. He and Dr. Karafotis will be hearing the requests for budgetary consideration.

The Gidley School Recognition Night will be held on Monday, February 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Quinn School Auditorium. Mr. Oliver has been working with Dr. Karafotis, Marylou Clarke and Lorraine Granda on this memorable event. Anyone who has memorabilia they would like to share is asked to bring the material to the Quinn School.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Quinn Elementary School.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. in order to conduct a Level III Grievance hearing and to discuss strategies with respect to collective bargaining with union and non-union personnel. 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