

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 10, 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 5:30 p.m. in the Planning Board Room at the Dartmouth Town Hall. He noted that the meeting was being videotaped for future broadcast over DCTV and is aired on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Present were the following members: Dr. Karafotis, Mr. Nunes, Dr. Jenkins, and newly elected Committee member, Kathleen Amaral, and Mr. Oliver.

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

Visitors present: Mr. Gallishaw, Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Cabral-Townson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Boyle, Ms. Chavier, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Pavao, Mr. Grandfield, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Yermalovich, and also members of the community including Finance Committee Member Terri Hamm.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE

The Committee welcomed newly elected member, Kathleen Amaral to the Committee.

Appointment of Chairperson

Dr. Gifford, serving in her capacity as School Committee Secretary, sought nominations for the position of School Committee Chair.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis, to nominate Dr. Shannon Jenkins to serve as School Committee Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Vice Chairperson

Dr. Jenkins sought nominations for the position of School Committee Vice Chairperson.

Dr. Karafotis moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to nominate John Nunes to the position of School Committee Vice Chairperson. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Secretary

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to appoint Dr. Bonny L. Gifford to the position of School Committee Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

School Committee Assignments

Dartmouth Education Foundation	Dr. Shannon Jenkins
Southern MA Educational Collaborative	Chris Oliver
MA Association of School Committees	John Nunes
Negotiations Representative – Superintendent	Dr. Shannon Jenkins & Chris Oliver (back-up)
Policy Committee	Mrs. Amaral & Dr. Karafotis
Technology Committee	Dr. Karafotis & Mr. Oliver
Fields & Facilities Committee	John Nunes & Kathleen Amaral
Budget Committee	Dr. Karafotis & Mr. Oliver (Mr. Nunes back-up)

School Assignment

Dartmouth High School: Dr. Carol Karafotis
Dartmouth Middle School: Chris Oliver
DeMello School: Kathleen Amaral
Quinn School: John Nunes
Potter School: Dr. Shannon Jenkins

Chairperson Comments:

Dr. Jenkins thanked Committee members for their confidence in voting her in to the position of Chairperson of the Committee. "I am happy to serve as Chair. Looking forward to working with all of you."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 27th School Committee were not available for approval.

INTRODUCTION:

Dartmouth High School Principal – Ross A Thibault

Dr. Gifford explained the process that was conducted in reaching the selection of the new Principal of Dartmouth High School, Ross A. Thibault, effective July 1, 2017. Seven (7) candidates were interviewed by the Screening Committee which consisted of four (4) district administrators, three (3) Dartmouth High School staff members, President of the Dartmouth Educators Association, one (1) parent, and one (1) School Committee member. Three (3) candidates were then interviewed by Dr. Gifford. Extensive vetting took place along with visits to the candidates' current schools. Two (2) candidates were then invited to visit Dartmouth High School and were able to meet with students, staff members, and the Instructional Leadership Team. A staff survey was also conducted.

This whole process has brought us to the introduction of the candidate chosen to lead Dartmouth High School effective July 1, 2017: Ross A. Thibault.

Mr. Thibault thanked Dr. Gifford and the School Committee members. "I am excited to be in Dartmouth. I am a graduate of University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth. I began my career in education as a History Teacher at Durfee High School, followed by serving as Vice Principal at Durfee for four (4) years. I have been Principal of Oxford High School for the past three (3) years. I am looking forward to doing great work in Dartmouth."

Committee members all welcomed Mr. Thibault to Dartmouth.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following activity was recommended to the Committee for approval:

- Request for 55 students, 2 Teachers, and 8 Chaperones to participate in a Performance Tour of Scotland on July 3-12, 2018.

Ms. Heather Church reviewed the details of this amazing opportunity for our orchestra students to participate in this music festival in Scotland. (Assistance is available for students, if necessary.)

Dr. Karafotis inquired as to whether fundraising activities will be held in order to reduce the price of the trip. Ms. Church responded that several fundraising activities are planned over the course of the next year to ease the financial burden on the students and their families.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis, to approve the above-described Performance Tour of Scotland on July 3-12, 2018, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Improvement Plan – Update: Mr. Kiely reported that the Capital Improvement Planning Committee has advanced the following two capital improvement requests to the Finance Committee for consideration:

Technology Hardware - \$200,000
Dartmouth Middle School Roof Project - \$1,645,000

The improvements to the Dartmouth Memorial Stadium were not recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee as it was explained that the Middle School roof and Library projects limited the Town's ability to move forward on the Stadium.

The High School boiler retrofit and replacement project will likely be the project that is the focus of the Green Communities grant that is currently being finalized by the Town.

The following capital improvement requests will be considered for funding at the Fall Town Meeting:

Flooring Replacement Project - \$150,000
Classroom Furniture - \$100,000
Replacement of Doors and Hardware - \$170,000
Playground Improvements - \$175,000

Mr. Oliver expressed his concern regarding the funding for the stadium. "What is the plan moving forward? I would like to have a game plan for next year. Fundraising sources need to be looked into. The stadium is a project that needs to be addressed and I do not want to see it fall by the wayside."

Mr. Kiely stated that Mr. Cressman indicated that he would have supported moving forward on the stadium were it not for the middle school roof and other projects throughout the town.

Dr. Jenkins asked that the Finance Committee move the stadium project forward for consideration at the Fall Town Meeting. "We all agreed that the stadium should be a priority."

In response to Mr. Nunes' inquiry, Mr. Kiely stated that the Massachusetts School Building Authority is in agreement that the middle school roof project will not be completed this year.

In response to Mrs. Amaral's inquiry, Mr. Kiely stated that the stadium project does include better ADA accommodations.

School Committee Policy – IJNDD – Social Media: The Social Media Policy, IJNDD, was brought forward for a second reading and vote by the Committee. With no revisions requested, the following vote was taken:

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Nunes, to approve School Committee Policy IJNDD – Social Media Policy, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Surplus Equipment: Mr. Kiely provided Committee members with the following list of equipment that has not been used for several years. The condition of the items varies with some being not operational. Mr. Kiely requested that the School Committee declare these items surplus.

Delta band saw – not operational
Delta planer DC-580 – condition unknown
Delta sand trap tables – condition unknown
Powermatic 8" jointer, model 60A – not operational
Delta 6" belt/12" disc sander, model 31-731 – condition unknown

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis, to approve the above-listed equipment as surplus. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of the Chair:

Dr. Jenkins reported that the applications have been distributed for Dartmouth Education Foundation grants. "We love to fund interesting projects!" She stated that technology requests must go through Mr. Gallishaw.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Mr. Nunes was happy to report the DHS Colorguard earned second place honors nationally during their competition in Dayton, Ohio.

The Annual Night of Percussion will be held on Saturday, April 15th at Dartmouth High School.

NEXT MEETING

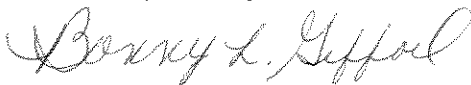
The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Quinn Elementary School.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to recess their meeting at 6:02 p.m. in order that Committee members may participate in a Joint Meeting with the Select Board and Finance Committee beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Committee will return to open session following the Joint Meeting in order to adjourn into Executive Session in order to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with union personnel. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to return to Open Session at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. in order to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with union personnel. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonny L. Gifford, Ed.D.
Superintendent