

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

November 26, 2018

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mr. John Nunes, at 6:30 p.m. in the Quinn School Community Room. He noted the meeting was being videotaped for future broadcast over DCTV, which is aired on Wednesday and Friday evenings, and the DHS YouTube channel.

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

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

Visitors present: Mr. Gallishaw, Mr. Thibault, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Pavao, Mr. Grandfield, Mr. Kingsland, Mrs. McHenry and members of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Nunes invited those in attendance to the podium to offer comments regarding any matter on the evening's agenda.

No comments were offered on any of the agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to approve the Regular Session Minutes of October 15, 2018 and November 5, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 15, 2018, as written, with the stipulation that they be held until such time as the matter or matters for which the session was held have been resolved. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Shane Rose reported on the following Dartmouth High School activities.

- Last week the high school completed a successful spirit week which concluded with a pep rally at which the banner for the Special Olympic National Banner Recognition was presented.
- Congratulations to the football team for winning its third consecutive Thanksgiving game against Fairhaven.
- DHS kicked off its winter sports season today.

- DHS Theater Company will be performing “A Christmas Story” at the high school on Friday, December 7th and Saturday, December 8th and tickets are available on-line at the high school website.

Dr. Gifford asked Mr. Rose if students would be involved in the 8th Grade Showcase Night which will be held at the high school tomorrow night.

Mr. Rose responded that Associate Principal Chavier “reached out” to students who will be conducting tours of the school for eighth grade students and their families.

Mr. Nunes asked Mr. Rose to explain what DECA is.

Mr. Rose responded by stating DECA is a business club at the high school which provides members with information about finance, hospitality, management and marketing with a goal to develop entrepreneurial skills. Mr. Rose noted that he joined DECA last year and has competed at the state level as well as having participated at the International Competition held in Atlanta, Georgia which provided him with experience and the opportunity to network with other high school students about their interests.

Dr. Gifford asked Mr. Rose how he thought the One-to-One Technology Initiative was going at the high school.

Mr. Rose responded that the initiative was receiving a favorable response as having greater individual access to technology is helpful.

RECOGNITION

Mr. Nunes invited the Dartmouth Schools Music Director, Mr. William Kingsland, and the Dartmouth High School Marching Band Drum Majors: senior Valrie Paynton - Head Drum Major; junior Luke Higgins; and sophomore Mitchell Morin, to the podium to be recognized for the Marching Band’s third consecutive National Title (Division Five).

Mr. Kingsland spoke briefly thanking the Committee for this recognition and pointed out that the effort is concerted and the band’s continued success would not be possible without the support of instructors, parents and the hard work of the musicians.

Mr. Kingsland noted the successes of the color guard which is currently performing in “open class competition” adding there is now a color guard class at the high school for which he thanked Mr. Thibault.

Miss Paynton spoke about being a member of the marching band over the past three years stating it has been one of the most gratifying experiences and could not have imagined her high school career not having been part of this program.

Mr. Morin stated he is really proud of this year’s group; the program lost many strong players last year and everyone has worked extremely hard to continue to perform at this level.

Mr. Higgins noted how proud he is of this year's group and stated that this is an excellent program to be in and loves it so much that he is now involved with indoor percussion.

The Committee congratulated Mr. Kingsland and the Drum Majors for the program's continued success and level of musicianship and pointed out how their commitment benefits the school district and to the community.

PRESENTATION

- **Spotlight on Kids – DHS**

Principal Ross Thibault thanked the Committee and the Superintendent for the opportunity to make this presentation.

Mr. Thibault explained the difficulty choosing which program to highlight as the high school has many programs including the marching band which was recognized earlier in the meeting as well as other award winning programs; athletics, journalism, art, etcetera.

Mr. Thibault continued and explained that he chose the DHS TV/Media Production program to highlight for the second consecutive year not only because they do their own great work but they highlight the great work of all the other programs in the school as well as videotaping the school committee meetings.

Mr. Thibault showed a video created by Mr. Perrotti's introduction level TV class which was edited by one of the advanced classes: the video will be shown at tomorrow night's 8th Grade Showcase.

The following students participated in the video and presentation: senior Reilly Leconte, senior Alex Barrachina Long, junior Sarah Ferreira, and freshman Nicole Sylvain. Senior Jamie Pedro was not present but her contribution was noted.

The Committee thanked Mr. Thibault and Mr. Perrotti and congratulated all the students for their hard work which produced such a wonderful end product.

- **DHS – Appendix to the Student Handbook**

Mr. Thibault directed Committee members to the proposed revisions to the high school appendix of the District Student Handbook noting that the changes are not substantive but rather "cleaning up" language specific to the new class schedule.

Dr. Karafotis asked how the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) program is being integrated at the high school.

Mr. Thibault responded Dr. Fortin, the school psychologist, and a team of staff members head the PBIS program at the high school; and, although it is more challenging to find rewards and

incentives at the high school level than at other grade levels, the high school team is taking this year to “reimagine” PBIS at DHS.

Mr. Nunes asked if where it reads “exceptions can be made only by the Principal” could be changed to something less specific to cover those times when you are not present.

Mr. Thibault stated the language could be changed to Administration where it reads Principal.

The Committee agreed with the language change.

Dr. Jenkins moved to approve the revisions with the stipulation that the language amendments noted above be made to the relevant areas of the appendix, seconded by Mr. Oliver. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Gifford recommended the following activity requests to the Committee for its approval:

- DHS Cultural Tour of Eastern Europe – Spring 2020

Dr. Karafotis moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to approve the Dartmouth High School’s request to travel to Eastern Europe as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

- Unified Arts NYC Excursion – March 2019

Dr. Karafotis moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to approve the Unified Art Department’s request to travel to New York City as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Superintendent’s Evaluation**

Mr. Nunes explained the areas of the superintendent’s summative evaluation report for the previous school year (2017-2018) and reported that the Committee has given Dr. Gifford an overall rating of “proficient” for her third year as Superintendent of the Dartmouth Public Schools.

Mr. Nunes shared some of the comments offered by the Committee in the summative report.

Committee members offered the following additional comments:

In an effort to clarify the Committee’s rating to viewers, Dr. Jenkins provided an explanation of “proficient”.

Dr. Karafotis commended Dr. Gifford and her team for a tremendous job and making a difference.

Dr. Jenkins noted her appreciation for the leadership's willingness to think creatively about finances specifically participating in the school choice program and grant funding.

Mr. Oliver noted the significant changes under Dr. Gifford's administration.

Dr. Gifford thanked the Committee for their continued support.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis, to approve and place on file the final evaluation of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bonny L. Gifford for 2017-2018 and authorized the School Committee Chair to sign the document. The motion carried unanimously.

- **New Bedford Regional Vocational Regional Technical High School (GNBVT) – School Committee**

Mr. Nunes advised the Committee that the Select Board voted last Monday night to appoint Dr. Cynthia Marland to the GNBRVTHS school committee.

Mr. Nunes noted he was not at the meeting so he is not aware of the Town Moderator's vote which would not change the outcome as this Committee voted to appoint Dr. Marland.

Mr. Nunes reported that Dr. Marland has been appointed officially to the seat and is attending her first meeting tonight.

Mr. Nunes added that he let Dr. Marland know, after the first of the year, this Committee would like to have the Dartmouth representatives to the GNBRVTHS school committee present a report as well as have a tour of the school.

Mr. Oliver stated he had a conversation with GNBRVTHS Superintendent O'Brien about taking a tour of the school and was told that the School Committee is always welcome and to please provide dates when available.

Dr. Jenkins added that she would like the GNBRVTHS School's Administration to appear before this Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Superintendent's Update:** Dr. Gifford reported on the following:
 - DPS and DCTV have collaborated to create monthly (first Tuesday) videos showcasing the District (schools/classrooms/administration)
 - Today was the first "Superintendent Chat" which was held at Quinn school; Dr. Gifford noted she will conduct "Chats" at all the schools
 - Quinn will be holding its Museum of Kindness Night Thursday, November 29th
 - DHS is holding its 8th Grade Showcase tomorrow night, November 27th
 - DMS is hosting an informational meeting on the One-to-One Initiative for parents on Wednesday night, November 28th in an effort to provide an explanation of the use of the Chrome Books which are being distributed to eighth grade students this week

-DHS held a Student Art Show this past weekend at the Dartmouth Cultural Center, the Old Southworth Library; Judy Cronin reported it went very well and she wanted to thank Rick Ferreira for helping set up the exhibit on such short notice

- **Report of the Chair**

The Chair had no other matters to report.

Mr. Oliver informed the Committee of the District's invitation to join the Innovation and Transformational Leadership Network, a professional development opportunity, by Dr. Bill Daggett.

Mr. Oliver asked the Committee if they would be interested in having the Administration present to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to add this to a future agenda.

Dr. Jenkins asked to have placed on the next meeting's agenda a discussion of the Chapter 70 formula noting that some school committees have passed resolutions that they forwarded to the State Legislature; Dr. Jenkins added that the State will be discussing Chapter 70 matters in January.

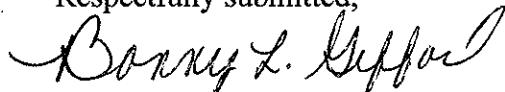
The Committee agreed to add the matter to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the James M. Quinn Elementary School Community Room.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to close the Regular Session at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonny L. Gifford, Ed. D.
Superintendent