

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

August 6, 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 4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the James M. Quinn Elementary School. He noted that 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, and Mr. Oliver. Dr. Karafotis was not present due to a family commitment.

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

Visitors present: Mrs. Oliveira, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Townson, Mrs. Pavao, Mr. Gallishaw and members of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Nunes invited anyone 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

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Dr. Jenkins to approve the Regular Session Minutes of July 9, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Dartmouth Memorial Stadium Turf Field Committee:** Mr. Kiely updated the Committee on the Turf Field Committee's progress noting the Committee last met in July with Mr. Oliver representing the School Committee. The Turf Field Committee was given options on how to address the stadium renovation which it then narrowed. The next meeting is Thursday, July 12th, when the Committee plans to look at potential phasing in order to "group" the project in a way to request and acquire more manageable funding from the Town as well as to plan the public outreach process including a public forum.

The Turf Field Committee is hoping to bring the matter to the Town meeting scheduled in October.

Mr. Oliver commented that the Turf Field Committee has made noticeable progress and that all the “stakeholders” are on the same page noting this is not just a school department project but a Town wide project.

Dr. Jenkins requested a presentation of the options and phasing to the School Committee.

Mr. Oliver agreed with Dr. Jenkins and asked Mr. Kiely if there could be a presentation for the next school committee meeting.

Mr. Kiely stated that would be possible adding that part of Thursday’s meeting was to develop a plan as to how to reach out to the different boards.

Mrs. Amaral asked if the Turf Field Committee meetings are open to the public.

Mr. Kiely confirmed the meetings are open to the public.

Mr. Oliver commented he would like to see a joint sponsored article for the October Town Meeting.

Mr. Nunes advised getting a “place holder” for the warrant.

- **Summer Maintenance and Improvements Projects:** Mr. Kiely provided a brief pictorial presentation noting the advancement in various school projects including the innovation lab and engineering classrooms at the high school; bottle filling stations at various schools; and the modular classrooms at the Potter School as well as paving projects.

Mr. Kiely reported on the district wide radio system that is being installed.

Mr. Kiely reported that the DMS roof project has made good progress and is more than 80% done and, as of today, close to 90% finished with “ripping off the roof” and the application of new roof adding that that portion of the work should be completed by the end of the week; however, there is still a lot of detail work to be done.

Mr. Kiely noted LED lights will be installed in the high school corridors. This project is being funded by the “Green” Grant and Eversource.

Mr. Kiely took this opportunity to thank Rick Ferreira and maintenance personnel for all their hard work.

Dr. Jenkins asked for a tour of the new innovation lab when it is completed and to invite the press.

Dr. Gifford noted that a grand opening is being planned.

Mr. Kiely proposed holding a school committee meeting at the high school.

Mr. Nunes stated a meeting will be scheduled at the high school when the lab is completed.

Mr. Oliver asked if the roof itself will be completed by the first day of school.

Mr. Kiely stated that the major construction would be complete: it will be necessary to continue some of the detail work but there will be no disruption to the operation of the school.

NEW BUSINESS

- **DHS and DMS Student Activity Accounts:** Mr. Kiely recommended that the Committee vote to close some inactive Middle School Student Activity Accounts: Wellness, Birmingham, Step Up, Greenhouse, ID cards and Rare. The funds from these accounts would be “rolled” in to the General Student Activity Account.

Mr. Kiely further recommended that the Committee vote to endorse the continued operation of all other Middle and High School Student Activity Accounts shown on the list provided.

Mr. Kiely noted that he makes his recommendations at the suggestion of the auditors.

Mrs. Amaral moved, seconded by Dr. Jenkins to approve the closing of the Wellness, Birmingham, Step Up, Greenhouse, ID cards and Rare accounts and to roll their funds in to the General Student Activity Account. The motion carried with Mr. Nunes abstaining.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the Middle School and High School Activity Accounts. The motion carried with Mr. Nunes abstaining.

Dr. Jenkins noted the significant amount of money - \$285,000.00 - raised by students and parents to support student activities.

- **Proposed School Committee Dates:** Dr. Gifford proposed the following meeting dates through December 2018 for the Committee’s consideration: August 6th, August 27th, September 10th, October 15th, November 5th, November 26th and December 10th.

Mr. Nunes noted that Rosh Hashanah is on September 10th and asked the Committee to consider changing the proposed September date.

The Committee agreed and the September meeting date will be moved to September 17th.

Mr. Nunes stated that these dates can be scheduled with the change of the September date.

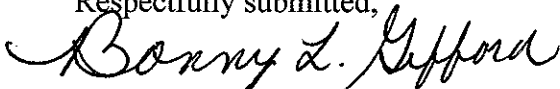
- **Superintendent's Update:** Dr. Gifford reported on the following:
 - Status of new hires.
 - Ross Thibault and Rachel Chavier's book study at the high school.
 - The Administrators' Retreat which starts tomorrow at the high school.
 - Grant submissions to DESE have been approved however the amount of funds has decreased.
 - Summer school ends this week; 50 students attended the program co-directed by Jamie O'Neil and Doug Bedard.
 - The Extended Year Program, directed by Robin Kolbeck, had 300 students participate and 50 student volunteers.
 - Camp Invention had 180 participants in its second year.
 - Mr. Kiely, Mr. Gallishaw and I met with the new Town Administrator today to continue the School Department's good relationship with the Town.
- **Report of the Chair:** Mr. Nunes reported on the following.
 - Fall Sports and Band Camps will be starting soon and students will be returning in a few weeks and we wish them well.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the James M. Quinn Elementary School Community Room.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to close the Regular Session at 4:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonny L. Gifford, Ed. D.
Superintendent