

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

November 5, 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 Elementary School Community Room. 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, Dr. Karafotis and Mr. Oliver.

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

Visitors present: Ms. Chavier, Ms. Correia, Mr. Grandfield, Mr. Gallishaw 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

Mr. Nunes indicated the minutes from October 15, 2018 meeting were not completed and will be tabled until the next scheduled School Committee Meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Madison Correia reported in place of Shane Rose who was not available for this meeting. She reported on the following Dartmouth High School activities.

- All high school students received Chromebooks and were pleased to have them. She thanked the School Committee Members, Dr. Gifford, Central Administration, Mr. Gallishaw and the Technology Department for providing them. She reported that students were very pleased to have them.
- The Dartmouth Band are NESBA Division 5 Champions where they scored a 99.6.
- Congratulations to the boys and girls soccer teams for winning their first tournament game yesterday.

- Congratulations to the Field Hockey Team as they are Old Colony League Champions this season.
- The Cross Country Team has many runners participating in the upcoming state meet.
- Several students were involved in the Safe Streets Video Contest where they developed videos. They received honorable mention in their submissions through the program sponsor, MASSDOT Competition. Their team was one in four in the state to be recognized.
- The volleyball team had a game this evening and she wished them well.
- There will be an upcoming meeting for students in focus groups to discuss feedback on the new schedule – all grade levels are involved.
- Holly Fitzgerald who wrote “Ruthless River” presented to students today and everyone enjoyed it. She also donated a class set of books as well. Madison thanked Ms. Fitzgerald and Mr. Higgins for organizing this event.
- Guidance is busy assisting students with their college applications.

Mr. Nunes asked if there were any questions. There were none.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Nunes reported that the presentation by the Director of Teaching and Learning has been tabled to a future meeting as Ms. Oliveira was not available this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Gifford recommended the committee vote on allowing the DECA group to attend the DECA Competition on January 10-11, 2019.

Dr. Jenkins asked that the group report back to the school committee meeting after the event to discuss how it went. She wished the group luck.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to approve the Dartmouth High School’s request to attend the DECA Competition January 10-11, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- **School Committee Policies JJF, AC, GBA, GCF, JB and JFBB**

Ms. Roy discussed the five policies including updates to the non-discrimination statement that were discussed at the last meeting. She asked for a second reading to vote on the sixth policy, the student activity account.

Mr. Nunes asked if there were any comments and if they wanted to vote on all the policies together or individually. Everyone agreed to vote on them all together.

Mr. Nunes recommended a motion on the second reading and approval of policies JJF, AC, GBA, GCF, JB and JFBB.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to approve the second reading of all policies as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Update – GNBVT School Committee Update**

Mr. Nunes reported he did not have an update at this time. He spoke with Mr. McDonald and Ms. Haskell and told them that the School Committee had made their decision. This item is on the Select Board's Agenda to be discussed. Mr. Nunes assured the committee he will report back to the committee any news he hears regarding this.

Dr. Karafotis questioned what would happen if the Select Board determined another candidate. Mr. Nunes mentioned that there are three votes – we will wait and see.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Superintendent's Evaluation**

Mr. Nunes reported that he and Mrs. Amaral met – this item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

- **FY 20 Budget Timeline**

Mr. Kiely reported the timeline he presented was similar to the budget process of prior years. There is much work to be done prior to the Town Meeting. No date has been assigned for the Public Hearing. In the interest of being flexible, he suggested we hold a Public Hearing at either of the meetings in March or the first meeting in April 2019. The difficulty will be another meeting will need to be scheduled seven days after such meeting to approve it. The goal is to present a final budget in mid-February 2019 to begin discussions.

Mr. Nunes asked if there were any questions. Dr. Karafotis indicated there usually is a date when the School Committee meets with the Administrators to discuss – Mr. Kiely reported it is listed as February 4, 2019 on the schedule but he stressed this date is flexible – one week before it is brought before the full committee to allow time to gather feedback and inform the final draft presentation to the committee.

Mr. Nunes reported that the School Choice hearing is scheduled for January 2019.

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

- Cheerleaders finished third in their competition which qualifies them for the regionals.
- All school based MCAS Meetings have been held with central office and each school to gather information and identify areas where growth is needed.
- The Middle School will have its True Grit Breakfast on Tuesday, November 6th which Dr. Gifford will attend. This event is held for students that have achieved a 90% or higher student growth percentile on their MCAS – she indicated it's nice to reward those individuals who are growing.
- MASS MASC Conference will be this week which she and Mr. Oliver will attend.
- We are participating in “Innovation and Transformation of Leadership Network” next week where the focus will be to work on K-8 Schools. She attended the first event two weeks ago in Ohio as the initial kick off meeting. Tracy Oliveira, Carl Roubidoux, Trish Leary, Kristin Martineau and Liz Correia are the core team that will be attending meetings throughout the year. They will be working on strategies, action plans and steps relevant to K-8. They have reached out to the district for ambassadors to join the core group and assist and many have volunteered. She will continue to update the School Committee on their progress.
- The District Leadership Team met with Ms. Townsend and Ms. Jodoin to discuss PATHS classroom at Quinn and establishing entrance/exit criteria for students by looking at the profiles of students who would best fit in this type of classroom.

Mr. Nunes asked if there were any questions and reported many good things are going on. No comments were offered.

- **Report of the Chair:** Mr. Nunes reported the following:
 - The Band will be going to the National Championships in the Meadowlands at Met Life Stadium this weekend. He reported they had scored very well in the competition held on Sunday, November 4th.

Mr. Nunes asked Mrs. Amaral to discuss the Resource Fair that was held on October 28th. She reported the fair went very well.

Dr. Jenkins reminded everyone that the DEF Spelling Bee is Thursday, November 8th at 7PM at Dartmouth High School. Something different this year to entice people to attend is a number of local businesses have donated prizes. Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Audience members must be present to win. At the end of the evening, 2 Bruins tickets will be awarded to an audience member. Peter Braley is the announcer, Jack Spillane, Cindy Marlin and Shawn McInness are the judges.

Mr. Nunes thanked Dr. Jenkins for her involvement.

Dr. Karofotis thanked the DEF as well as everyone else involved for the work they do. She also reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 6th.

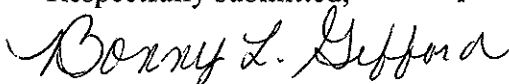
Mr. Nunes reported that he thanked everyone at Town Meeting for their support of the funding for Phase I of the Memorial Stadium. He offered a special thanks to Mr. Kiely, Mr. Oliver and the committee for their hard work on such a great project. He asked if Mr. Kiely had any updates. Mr. Kiely reported he too is thankful for the Town in supporting this project. Phase I is being designed and being prepared to send out to bid. They are also preparing for Phase 2 which is the renovations to the stands. He will be providing information as he moves forward. They are planning to break ground in late March, early April.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Quinn Elementary School. Mr. Nunes wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonny L. Gifford".

Bonny L. Gifford, Ed. D.
Superintendent