

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

June 4, 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 Community Room 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 evening and Sunday afternoon, as well as 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: Mrs. Oliveira, Mrs. Townson, Mr. Gallishaw, Mrs. McHenry, Mr. Martin, Mr. Thibault, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Robidoux 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

Mrs. Amaral moved, seconded by Dr. Jenkins to approve the Regular Session Minutes of May 14, 2018. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Oliver abstaining as he was not present at the meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Charlotte Correiro reported on the following Dartmouth high school activities.

- The PreK-12 Art Innovation Show that was held last week was a beautiful display of students' creativity featuring designs from robotics and engineering students at the high school.

- Dartmouth High School held its annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on May 22nd when 69 students were inducted in to Dartmouth's chapter of the National Honor Society.
- Last week, through a partnership with Arbella Insurance and Tomlinson and O'Neil Insurance Agency, Dartmouth high school was able to host the "distractology" driving simulation; eighty students participated in the simulation to learn about the dangers of distracted driving.
- Last week was the DHS Scholarship and Awards Night; ninety seniors were honored and received nearly \$170,000 in scholarships.
- Ms. Grieve, Ms. Lassey and Ms. Kelly planned a beautiful prom held at Kirkbrae Country Club in Rhode Island which concluded with an excellent fireworks display followed by a fantastic After Prom which ran smoothly due to community volunteers.
- Yesterday was the class of 2018 commencement exercises where two-hundred fifty Dartmouth students graduated: thank you to student council members for volunteering at this event.

Dr. Gifford asked Miss Correiro if she participated in the "distractology" simulation.

Miss Correiro responded she had participated and commented on her experience.

Dr. Karafotis asked if tonight's meeting is Miss Correiro's last meeting.

Mr. Nunes commented that the next meeting is scheduled for June 25th and if she would be available to attend it would be appreciated.

Miss Correiro stated she would be available.

The Committee thanked Miss Correiro for her service and wished her well on her final exams.

PRESENTATION

- **Overview of the District's Technology Initiatives and Programs**

Jonathan Gallishaw, the District's Chief Technology Officer, provided a presentation highlighting the District's technology initiatives and programs.

Mr. Gallishaw reviewed this year's accomplishments: greatly expanding the number of chrome books and successfully administering MCAS electronically for grades 3 through 8 as well as running a pilot program at the high school for grade 10 in preparation for next year; the successful roll-out of the new point-of-sale (POS) program in the cafeterias; the introduction of the new website for the district and the schools on January 1, 2018 and the release of the DPS APP.

Mr. Gallishaw explained the work that has been done on the network infrastructure including maintaining the network that connects all the schools, additional wi-fi units and automated

notifications to the technology department making it more efficient to address interruptions in service.

Mr. Gallishaw reported that this summer more wi-fi access points and video cameras will be added to the elementary schools as well as the high school.

Mr. Gallishaw continued noting the 2018 projects including machine upgrades, inventory documentation, and additional security and “one to one” computer preparation.

Mr. Gallishaw stated that the new servers to be added this summer should be the last time servers are purchased as cloud computing will be taking over server applications.

Mr. Gallishaw concluded his presentation explaining the technology department’s future plans: making the district’s website ADA compliant, on-line registration, increasing bandwidth and single sign-on.

Dr. Karafotis asked for an explanation of one-to-one computing.

Mr. Gallishaw provided an explanation.

Dr. Jenkins asked how many chrome book carts currently are at the elementary schools.

Mr. Gallishaw stated there are enough carts for a grade level at each of the elementary schools and the ultimate goal is to have one chrome cart per classroom.

Dr. Jenkins asked how technology-related plans are communicated to teachers.

Mr. Gallishaw admitted he gets caught up in “doing” and not in “promoting” and thanked Dr. Jenkins for her suggestion.

Mr. Gallishaw stated that at his department meetings professional development for teachers has been discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Gifford recommended the following three requests to be approved by Committee members:

- Request for the DHS Marching Band and Color Guard to operate the food concession at the Dartmouth Living Memorial Stadium for the 2018 Football Season

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis, to approve the request of the DHS Marching Band and Color Guard to operate the food concession at the Dartmouth Living Memorial Stadium for the 2018 Football Season. The motion carried unanimously.

- Request for the Quinn PTO to request permission to run its “Color Run” fundraiser

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to approve the Quinn PTO's request to run its "Color Run" fundraiser. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jenkins asked about street clean-up after the fundraiser.

PTO President Sonja Silva and Vice President Linda Hamilton stated the fundraiser will not be held in the street but on the school track and the colors will "wash away."

- SMEC: FY19 Request for Permission to Lease Classroom Space at DHS

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to approve SMEC's request for permission to lease classroom space at Dartmouth High School for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jenkins asked what the payment would be.

Mr. Kiely stated it would be a 3% increase over last year.

OLD BUSINESS

School Committee Policies – Second Readings and Votes: Ms. Roy provided Committee members with the second reading of the following School Committee policies:

- Payment for Food Services (Policy EFD)

Mr. Oliver asked what was changed.

Ms. Roy explained the change.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to approve the above-listed School Committee policies, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- Acceptable Use Policy - Students (Policy IJNDB, IJNDB-E)

Mr. Oliver asked what was changed.

Ms. Roy explained the change.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to approve the above-listed School Committee policies, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **FY18 End of Year Authorization:** Mr. Kiely sought the Committee's approval to authorize the expenditure of any remaining funds across the FY18 function code/line

items as is customarily done at the end of each fiscal year consistent with School Committee Policy DBJ.

Dr. Karafotis moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to authorize the expenditure of any remaining funds across the FY18 function code/line items consistent with School Committee Policy DBJ. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nunes requested the Committee be provided with a report of the transfers when available.

- **Student Handbook:** Ms. Roy explained the reasoning behind unifying the student handbooks in to one common digital handbook as well as maintaining some grade specific areas which are placed in appendices. Ms. Roy noted that the creation of the proposed handbook was a collaboration of administrators and directors across the District.

Mrs. Amaral requested that SEPAC language be included in the handbook as school councils are noted. Mrs. Amaral asked if language on page 19 concerning McKinney-Vento could be clarified.

Dr. Jenkins asked if it would be possible to hyperlink the table of contents.

Ms. Roy agreed it would be helpful and that the handbook will evolve to make it more user friendly.

Mrs. Amaral moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis, to approve the Student Handbook for School Year 2018-2019 with the discussed adjustments as it pertains to SEPAC language. The motion carried unanimously.

- **South Coast Educational Collaborative (SCEC):** Dr. Gifford presented to the Committee for its consideration a recommendation to join the South Coast Educational Collaborative. Dr. Gifford reported that the District currently has 16 students at SCEC and 11 students at SMEC of which the District is currently a member. Dr. Gifford explained that joining SCEC would reduce the cost of services to the District and that becoming a member would not impede the status of services currently being received from other collaboratives. Dr. Gifford reported that SCEC does not currently contribute to an OPEB plan but they do have plans to start this September.

Mr. Oliver commented that as a member of a collaborative the District becomes an extension of the collaborative and, consequently, assumes its liability. Mr. Oliver continued stating he is not opposed to joining SCEC but concerned about exposing the District to additional liability as it is currently a member of another collaborative.

Dr. Karafotis asked if payment is made to the collaborative.

Dr. Gifford responded that the District pays tuition for student services.

Dr. Jenkins asked if there a cost to join.

Dr. Gifford stated there is no cost to join.

Mrs. Amaral commented the cost savings would be beneficial.

Dr. Gifford noted that the membership process can take up to a year to complete.

Mr. Nunes asked how many members SCEC has.

Dr. Gifford reported there are 8 members.

Dr. Karafotis asked what benefit is the District's membership to SCEC.

Dr. Gifford offered that the District's membership would show its commitment to its relationship with the collaborative.

Dr. Jenkins asked how the District would cancel its membership should it so choose.

Dr. Gifford stated the collaborative has been in existence for 30 years.

Mr. Oliver stated he is "okay" with voting for membership with the understanding that there is "movement" on funding their liability and OPEB.

Dr. Karafotis moved, seconded by Dr. Jenkins, to approve joining the South Coast Educational Collaborative with the aforementioned stipulations. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Gifford reported on the following:

- Mr. Gallishaw has organized a demonstration of the anatomy table at the high school's innovation lab for teachers this Friday, June 8th
- The Lucy Calkins units that are being used at the District elementary schools have been well received by teachers and students
- Noted the list of the 2017-2018 retirees
- Professional Development (PD) survey conducted for next year's PD strands garnered over 100 responses
- Summer reading kick-off is June 14th
- Mrs. Oliveira is planning a Curriculum summit to take place this summer
- Superintendent's "Chats"

- **Other Matters that may not have been anticipated at the time of the Agenda**

meeting: Mr. Kiely provided a briefing on the stadium proposal that is to be voted at Town meeting tomorrow. Mr. Kiely noted the article funding that might be available is substantially less than what the District requested but noted "we" are very appreciative of the four hundred thousand dollars in potential funding which will help to move the project forward with the design phase.

- **Report of the Chair:** Mr. Nunes thanked the 2017-2018 retirees for their service which amounts to 339 years.

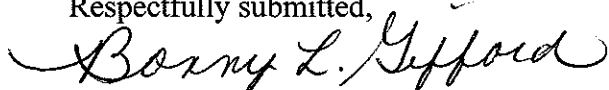
Mr. Nunes thanked the administrators and class advisors for all their work organizing a successful prom noting there were almost 400 students at After Prom. Additionally, Mr. Nunes wished the high school athletes well during their spring tournament season.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the James M. Quinn Elementary School Community Room.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. in order to discuss personnel and grievance matters and not to return in to Open Session. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonny L. Gifford, Ed. D.
Superintendent