

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

April 9, 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 Dr. Shannon Jenkins, at 5:30 p.m. in the Planning Board Room of the Dartmouth Town Hall. She noted that the meeting was being videotaped for future broadcast over DCTV, which is aired on Wednesday and Friday evenings, and on the DHS YouTube channel.

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

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

Visitors present: Mr. Thibault, Mrs. Pavao and members of the community.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE

Appointment of Chair

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

Mr. Nunes accepted the nomination of Chair of the Dartmouth School Committee.

Ms. Amaral moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to nominate Mr. John Nunes to serve as School Committee Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gifford declared that Mr. Nunes is now the Chair of the Dartmouth School Committee.

Chair Comments:

Mr. Nunes thanked the Committee as well as Dr. Jenkins for an excellent year and stated that he was looking forward to working with the members and continuing the “good dialogue and camaraderie.”

Appointment of Vice Chair

Mr. Nunes sought nominations for the position of School Committee Vice Chair.

Mrs. Amaral accepted the nomination of Vice Chair of the Dartmouth School Committee.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver and Dr. Karafotis, to nominate Mrs. Kathleen Amaral to the position of School Committee Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Secretary

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

School Assignment

Dartmouth High School: Mr. Oliver
Dartmouth Middle School: Dr. Karafotis
DeMello School: Dr. Jenkins
Quinn School: Mrs. Amaral
Potter School: Mr. Nunes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Nunes invited members of the public who would like to offer comments concerning any item listed on the agenda for this evening's meeting to please come to the podium and to state their name for the record.

No comments were offered on any of the agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the Regular Session Minutes of March 26, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Superintendent's Update**

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Dr. Gifford informed the Committee of the following matters.

- The middle school staff had its ALICE training today.
- We met with elementary school principals to determine what lessons students would be receiving relative to school safety and letters have been sent home to parents advising them of the lessons and the materials to be used which include books and other resources purchased through the ALICE program.
- Last Saturday's Indoor Percussion Finals at the high school was wonderful.
- The middle school's production of "The Lion King" was superb.
- Last week the high school hosted Cory Palazzi a survivor of substance abuse who gave two powerful presentations: the presentation will be repeated tomorrow night at the high school at 6:00 p.m. followed by a film.
- The high school has received much of the equipment purchased with MA Skills Grant funds which will be used in the innovation lab that is being renovated over the summer.
- We attended the Highlander "Leading Change and Innovation" conference last week: the District has been partnering with Highlander Consulting Group for personalized and blended learning.
- Dr. Gifford informed the Committee that she was elected recently to the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent's Executive Board: those meetings will start in September.

Dr. Karafotis asked about the implementation of the Highlander program this year.

Dr. Gifford responded that the high school has worked with the Highlander consultant who helped lead teachers on how to "coach" in the classroom as it concerns personalized and blended learning as well as assisted in developing "pathways": at the middle school a cohort of teachers met with the Highlander consultant regarding "lesson study." This cohort went on to provide professional development to colleagues.

- **Report of the Chair:**

The Chair did not offer a report this evening.

- **Additional Comments:**

Mr. Nunes wished the DECA students well in their competition taking place later this month in Atlanta GA.

Mr. Nunes noted the music departments' upcoming finals taking place later in Dayton OH.

Mr. Nunes congratulated the winter sports all-stars being posted by the *Standard Times*.

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

- Destination Imagination requests permission to participate and compete in the Destination Imagination Global Finals Competition in Knoxville, TN from May 22nd through 27, 2018.
- Destination Imagination requests permission to conduct fundraising activities to help support its team competing at Globals in Knoxville TN

Mrs. Arruda, the Destination Imagination Team Manager, provided information about the program, the competition and the fundraising activities. Mrs. Arruda also asked for permission to have fundraising notifications posted on the district website and the students' electronic backpack.

Dr. Gifford and Ms. Roy told Mrs. Arruda to email the information to the District and it will be posted.

Mr. Nunes asked for an explanation of the team's project.

Mrs. Arruda provided an explanation.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis, to approve the above-named field trip and fundraising requests as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

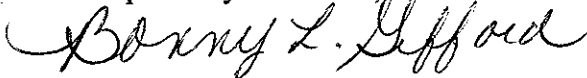
NEXT MEETING

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

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 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. in the Select Board Meeting Room.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to close the Regular Session at 8:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonny L. Gifford, Ed. D.
Superintendent