

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

April 8, 2019

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 5:30 p.m. in the Planning Board Meeting Room at the Dartmouth Town Hall. He 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: Mr. Nunes, Mrs. Amaral and Mr. Oliver. Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Karafotis were not present.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to approve the Regular Session Minutes of March 18, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Dartmouth High School requests permission to participate in the DECA International Career Development Conference/Competition April 26th through May 1, 2019 in Orlando, Florida.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to approve the Dartmouth High School's request as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 19-3 Dartmouth Memorial Stadium Renovation Project Phase I:

Mr. Kiely reported that resolution 19-3 is a resolution awarding a contract for the Dartmouth Memorial Stadium Renovation - Phase I which includes fields, lights/electrical and drainage.

WHEREAS: Bid invitations for the Dartmouth Memorial Stadium Renovation - Phase I were duly advertised and the bid proposals received were opened at 2:00 p.m. on March 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS: The bid from Green Acres Landscape was reviewed and deemed to have met the published specifications; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That a contract for the Dartmouth Memorial Stadium Renovation - Phase I be awarded to Green Acres Landscape, 21 Malbone Street, Lakeville, Massachusetts, based on Dartmouth Public Schools specifications dated March 7, 2019 for the amount of \$1,700,933.00.

Mr. Kiely noted a summary of submitted bids is attached to the resolution.

Mr. Oliver commented, as a member of the Turf Field Committee, that much effort was made by Mr. Kiely and the Turf Field Committee to plan the project and to include as much public in-put as possible.

Mrs. Amaral asked if Phase I would be completed in time for the fall sports season.

Mr. Kiely responded that the completion date in the contract is August 28, 2019 and that he is working with the Athletic Department as far as scheduling games to provide some "leeway."

Mrs. Amaral stated her concerns about accessibility and whether or not it is being addressed in the project.

Mr. Kiely stated that accessibility would be addressed in Phase II of the project which is a priority in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mrs. Amaral moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve awarding the contract for Dartmouth Memorial Stadium Renovation – Phase I to Green Acres Landscape. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

FY20 Budget:

Mr. Oliver asked the Committee Chair if he is willing to "entertain" public comment.

Mr. Nunes responded that there is no public comment this evening.

Mrs. Amaral moved, seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve the FY20 budget appropriation for Potter School Classroom Teachers in the amount of \$1,676,409.00. The motion carried with Mr. Oliver abstaining from the vote.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to approve the FY20 budget appropriation for the total budget, excluding the item voted individually in the one previous motion, in the amount of \$42,568,770.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oliver took the opportunity to personally respond to comments made at prior meetings and via email concerning the budget not including the funding of an art teacher position.

Mrs. Amaral commented that she did respond to feedback received regarding the art teacher position not being funded and clarified that students' opportunities to take art courses will not be reduced but the schedule will look different.

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

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

Dr. Gifford declared that Mrs. Amaral is now the Chair of the Dartmouth School Committee.

Chair Comment:

Mrs. Amaral thanked the Committee.

Appointment of Vice Chair:

Mrs. Amaral sought nominations for the position of School Committee Vice Chair.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to nominate Mr. Chris Oliver to the position of School Committee Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oliver accepted the nomination of Vice Chair of the Dartmouth School Committee.

Appointment of Secretary:

Mrs. Amaral sought nominations for the position of School Committee Secretary.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to appoint Dr. Bonny L. Gifford to the position of School Committee Secretary. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gifford accepted the nomination of School Committee Secretary.

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 Sub-Committee	Mrs. Amaral & Dr. Jenkins (Mr. Nunes will cover until Dr. Jenkins' return)
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:

Mr. Oliver stated that, although he is not opposed to individual school assignments for committee members, he does not think they are necessary; all members should be able to “reach out” to each school.

The Committee agreed not to assign individual members a school: it was further agreed that members would be actively engaged with and informed about all schools.

NEW BUSINESS

Last Day of 2018-2019 School Year:

Mrs. Amaral asked for a vote on the last day of school for the 2018-2019 school year as it has changed from the original date included in the voted upon 2018-2019 school year calendar due to a snow day. The new date for the last day of school will be Wednesday, June 12, 2019 barring any unforeseen changes.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Wednesday, June 12, 2019 as the last day of school for 2018-2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed School Committee Dates:

Dr. Gifford proposed the following meeting dates through October 2019 for the Committee's consideration: July 8th, August 12th, September 9th and October 7th. It is proposed that the July and August meetings begin at 4:00 p.m.

The Committee agreed and the August meeting date will be moved to August 19th.

Mrs. Amaral stated that these dates can be scheduled with the change of the August meeting date.

Report of the Chair:

Mrs. Amaral provided reports on Dartmouth High School athletic events including the following: sailing, girls' lacrosse noting junior Sophia Reardon scored her 100th goal, boys' lacrosse, and girls' softball.

It is national library week and Dartmouth Middle School librarian Laura Gardner was named School Librarian – Social Media Ambassador.

The Middle School recently put on a production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown."

The DHS Color Guard finished 12th out of 51 in recent as well as winning fan favorite in recent competition.

The AP Studio Art show *Art and Soul* closed its successful exhibit of student work yesterday.

On March 31st, DHS Associate Principal Rachel Chavier accompanied 12 students to the STEM Summit at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.

Wednesday, April 10th is an early release day and next week is Spring Recess.

Additional Comments:

Mr. Nunes noted the NESBA Finals – Percussion were held this past weekend and DHS percussion group won first place and will be off on Wednesday to the WGI Nationals in Ohio.

Mrs. Amaral reminded people about the SEPAC parent satisfaction survey which can be found on the District Facebook page.

Mr. Oliver expressed his appreciation for teachers and encouraged anyone with a concern to contact him.

Mrs. Amaral concurred with Mr. Oliver and asked people to contact the Committee if they have concerns.

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

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the James M. Quinn Elementary School.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to adjourn the meeting 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.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to close the Regular Session at 6:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonny L. Gifford, Ed. D.
Superintendent