

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

**June 10, 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 Kathleen Amaral, at 6:30 p.m. in the Quinn School Community Room. It was 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: Mrs. Amaral, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Nunes. Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Karafotis were not present.

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

Visitors present: Mrs. Townson, Mr. Gallishaw, Mr. Martin, Mrs. McHenry and members of the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was offered.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Nunes to approve the Regular Session Minutes of May 13, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 13, 2019, as written, with the stipulation that they be held until such time as the matter or matters for which the session was held have been resolved. The motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

• **SEPAC Survey Results**

Mrs. Amaral, SEPAC Member, reviewed the results of the SEPAC survey that was recently conducted.

Mrs. Amaral provided a PowerPoint presentation describing the role of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC).

Mrs. Amaral briefly explained the survey which had 84 respondents – an increase from the last couple of years - noting the necessity for parent feedback to maintain and improve special education services.

Mrs. Amaral stated SEPAC asked its community/parents to nominate a person that is employed by the Dartmouth Public Schools who has gone “above and beyond” for a student who has learning challenges or receives special education: all 28 nominees will be presented with a certificate for their service.

Mrs. Amaral asked Elizabeth Townson, Pupil Support Services Administrator for the Dartmouth Public Schools, to assist in recognizing the nominees and asked that the nominees who are present to come to the podium to be recognized and receive their certificate. **Cushman School** - Linda DeCouto (present), Lindsey Sousa **DeMello School** – Amanda Depin (present), Lynn Baker, Sarah Kolbeck and Chelsea McNaught **Quinn School** – Kelly Stowell, Wendy Candeias, Susan Bishop, Jody Parisi, Stephanie Melo, Maryann Sorenson, Kathleen Baldwin, Jessica Collyer, Laura Vieira, Corie Deus, Dr. Tonja Hunt **Potter School** – Richard Porter, Tricia Weaver, Ana Veloso, Catherine Claassen, Theresa Henry-Baird, Paul Chouinard **Dartmouth Middle School** – Laura Hellstrom, Lisa Katz-Turgeon, Anthony Martin, James Sullivan **Dartmouth High School** – Dan McGrath (present), Nicole Heath, Christopher Sampson, Brian Crowley, Douglas Bedard.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Gifford recommended the following 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 2019 Football Season

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, 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 2019 Football Season. The motion carried unanimously.

- SMEC: FY20 Request for Permission to Lease Classroom Space at DHS

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to approve SMEC's request for permission to lease classroom space at Dartmouth High School for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oliver asked if any changes have been made.

Mr. Kiely stated SMEC has requested to lease only one classroom next year: the reduction is program related.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Proposed Revisions of School Committee Policies - Second Reading and Vote:** Ms. Roy offered the following policies to the Committee for a second reading and vote noting the proposed policies remain as presented at their first reading.

- **School Committee Policy – IJ – Instructional Materials**

Ms. Roy reviewed the minor non-discrimination language revision.

- **School Committee Policy – IJJ – Textbook Selection and Adoption**

Ms. Roy reviewed the minor non-discrimination language revision.

- **School Committee Policy – LBC – Relations With Non-Public Schools**

Ms. Roy briefly reviewed this new policy and added that the District is required to have this policy as part of its program review.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the revisions to the current school committee policies and the addition of a new school committee policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**SMEC Quarterly Report:** Mr. Oliver presented the SMEC FY19 Quarterly Report for the third quarter: committee members were provided copies of said report.

Mr. Oliver informed the Committee that most actions were administrative including the following; DESE mid-cycle review audit showed the collaborative is in compliance and the collaborative is on track to have a level budget for next year.

Mr. Oliver added SMEC is in the second year of its behavioral program located in the north end of New Bedford and it is looking to move to a larger facility as the program has grown from 3 students to 12.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**FY19 End of Year Authorization:** Mr. Kiely sought the Committee's approval to authorize the expenditure of any remaining funds across the FY19 function code/line items as is customarily done at the end of each fiscal year consistent with School Committee Policy DBJ.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to authorize the expenditure of any remaining funds across the FY19 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.

**Summer Maintenance Projects:** Mr. Kiely provided a list of summer maintenance projects to the Committee members and highlighted several on-going and new projects while noting the stadium renovation remains the largest.

Mr. Kiely explained that many of the projects are preventative and routine maintenance including painting and HVAC repairs/maintenance.

Mr. Kiely noted the DeMello modular classroom will be renovated, much like last year's Potter School modular classroom renovation.

Mr. Kiely reported Jonathan Gallishaw is organizing the Smart Board installations.

Mr. Kiely noted the support of the Town for its continued funding of these projects.

Mr. Nunes asked if the high school bleacher/gymnasium maintenance was on last year's summer maintenance list.

Mr. Kiely responded it was and stated regular maintenance is necessary for this equipment; it is not a major renovation.

Mr. Oliver asked about the high school gym floor.

Mr. Kiely reported that the high school gym floor recently suffered some damage and it needs to be addressed.

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

- Tomorrow night is the Middle School Promotion Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. at the High School.
- DECA students competed at the International Competition in Orlando Florida last month with Dartmouth students receiving awards and recognition: Aidan Sullivan (Sports and Entertainment); Ari Silva (Quick Serve Restaurant); Eleanor Rosen and Sarah Jorge (Hospitality and Tourism); Leadership Academy
- Students participated in workshops: Claire Smith and Adam Noseworthy (Elevate Academy).
- DHS National Honor Society inducted 67 juniors and 16 seniors.
- Elementary Field Days are on-going.
- DeMello 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students had their "Gallery Walk" today.
- Potter hosted a geography play last week.
- The 2 Day Curriculum Summit starts Thursday with over 100 teachers participating.
- List of Retirees and status of postings and new hires (provided to Committee members in their packets).

**Report of the Chair:** Mrs. Amaral had nothing further to report.

Mr. Nunes congratulated and thanked those volunteers who held another successful After Prom.

Mr. Nunes asked if there would be warrants to sign prior to the next scheduled school committee meeting.

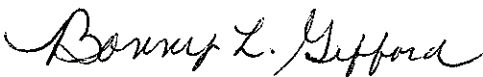
Mr. Kiely stated warrants would be available for signature prior to the next meeting and that he would let the Committee know when they are ready.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Next Meeting:** The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Quinn School Community Room.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. in order to discuss collective bargaining strategies 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