

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

September 9, 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, Dr. Karafotis, Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Nunes.

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

Visitors present: Mrs. Oliveira, Mr. Gallishaw, Mrs. Townson, Mr. Kingsland, Mr. Thibault, Ms. Chavier, Mr. Doane, Mr. Grandfield, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Pavao, Ms. Correia, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. McHenry and members of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the Regular Session and Working Session Minutes of August 19, 2019 and September 3, 2019 respectively. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No report was provided: Mrs. Amaral reported that Student Representative Emma Amaral was unable to attend tonight's meeting; Miss Amaral was participating in a field hockey game in Barnstable.

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHERS

Dr. Gifford took a moment to recognize Jeanne Sheridan, the Director of School Nutrition, and her staff who catered a reception for the new teachers prior to tonight's meeting.

Dr. Gifford invited Tracy Oliveira, Director of Teaching and Learning, to introduce the District's new teachers for 2019-2020 and their mentors.

Before the introductions, Mrs. Oliveira provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the P.R.O.J.E.C.T. Time Induction Program in which all new teachers are required to participate. Some teachers participate in a second year of mentoring primarily for licensing purposes.

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Lindsey Sousa	Special Education Pre-school Teacher	Cushman	Samantha Scocchi
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Erin Gill	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Gr 5	Potter	Catherine Claassen
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Mary Boulton	Grade 5 Teacher	Quinn	Janine Tavares
Michael Bowman	Grade 5 Teacher	Quinn	Janine Tavares
Ashley Farland	Grade 5 Teacher	Quinn	Wendy Candeias
Laura Hayes	PALS 3-5 Special Education Teacher	Quinn	Lindsay Vafides
Samantha Johnston	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Gr 3	Quinn	Laura Jenkins
Marissa Rosa	Grade 5 Teacher	Quinn	Shannon Salvador
Caterina Santos	Kindergarten Teacher	Quinn	Nichole Daniel
Krystyna Schinigo	Kindergarten Teacher	Quinn	Nichole Daniel
William Silva	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Music	Quinn	Tricia Leary
Jillian Woodward	Grade 1 Teacher	Quinn	Mary Sullivan
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
John Furtado	General Music Teacher	DMS	Daniel Lefebvre
Megan Medeiros	PASS Special Education Teacher	DMS	Lisa Katz-Turgeon
Sarah Rodrigues	Special Education Teacher – Grade 6	DMS	Lisa Katz-Turgeon
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Emily Goodwin	Library Media Specialist	DHS	Wilbur Higgins
Megan Lizotte	Long Term Substitute Teacher-History	DHS	Caitlin McCarron-Deely
Melissa Lomba	World Language Teacher	DHS	Hilaria Sousa
Brady Page	Long Term Substitute Teacher - Math	DHS	Debra August
Jiye Shi	World Language Teacher	DHS	Hilaria Sousa
Jennifer Thomas	Instructional Technology Specialist	DHS	Caitlin McCarron-Deely
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Michael Daniels	Low Strings Specialist	District	Shirley Byers
Patrick O'Neil	School Psychologist	District	Katherine Noyes

The Committee welcomed the new teachers and wished them well.

PRESENTATION

- **DHS School Improvement Plan for 2019-2020**

The presentation was postponed to a meeting date in October.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Gifford recommended the following fundraising activities requests to the Committee for its approval.

- **Fundraising Activities – Dartmouth School Music Association (DSMA)**

- **Fundraising Activities – Quinn PTO**

Dr. Jenkins noted the Quinn PTO provided a financial report and asked for the same from DSMA.

Mr. Nunes stated it was not ready yet and that he would provide a report as soon as it is completed.

Mr. Kingsland introduced Russ Benoit - new president of the DSMA - and stated with the change in leadership and the hiring of a new bookkeeper a financial report should be ready in approximately three weeks.

Dr. Karafotis thanked the Quinn parent group for their work this summer on the playground.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to approve the DSMA and Quinn PTO fundraising requests as presented. The motion carried with Mr. Nunes abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update: Mr. Kiely provided an update on the FY20 Capital Improvement Requests and directed the Committee to the memorandum he prepared and provided to them. Mr. Kiely explained the process of requesting funding from the Town for school capital improvements.

Mr. Kiely reported that “we” went before the CIP Planning Committee and it has recommended funding all the projects requested which includes Memorial Stadium renovations, a second maintenance truck, and continuation of flooring replacement among others. The requests now go before the Finance Committee then the Select Board and finally to Town Meeting on October 15th.

Mr. Kiely stated he was invited to the Finance Committee and was asked to give a presentation which was not expected otherwise “I” would have notified the Committee; Mr. Kiely added that they were supportive but have not voted yet.

Mr. Oliver thanked Mr. Kiely as well as Town Committees and people for the work and support around these projects particularly the stadium renovation; “I” am really excited that the CIP Planning Committee is recommending the completion of the stadium project.

Mr. Oliver asked Mr. Kiely to share some of the details of the “line items” with the School Committee.

Mr. Nunes noted that the recommendation to fund the completion of the project is a money saver.

Mr. Kiely concurred that there are a few opportunities for savings.

Mr. Nunes asked if Phase II & III will have one General Contractor.

Mr. Kiely responded that we didn’t plan for but we will end up with an owner’s project manager; due to the scope of this project, we are legally required to have an owner’s project manager.

Dr. Jenkins asked for clarification on the sources of funding for capital improvement plans: Is the funding for the stadium coming from borrowing capacity? Is the rest coming from “free cash”?

Mr. Kiely stated that that is the intent and about \$800,000 is from “free cash”.

Dr. Jenkins clarified that funding for these projects is not taken from funds that could be used for salary increases.

FY19 Financial Report: Mr. Kiely reported that in FY19 the School District spent \$43,085,964.15 which is exactly what we received.

Mr. Kiely stated most of the money was spent in the categories they were originally intended: the budget transfers equaled \$398,000 which is about .9% and noted the areas in which most of these funds were spent were special education tuition and transportation. The areas of savings – around \$200,000 – was from the maintenance/utilities line.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Karafotis to approve the FY19 Year End Financial Report. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- The District had a successful opening for teachers on August 26th and with students on August 28th. There were no issues except for minor transportation issues which was to be expected.
- Elementary teachers started ST Math training; a supplemental program received through a grant.
- The District is taking precautionary measures as it concerns EEE threat.
- Cierra Yim, senior at DHS, was named an "Outstanding Athlete" by the American Volleyball Athletic Program which the coach stated was a first in her experience coaching in Dartmouth.
- Quinn had their school assembly outside today with teachers participating in a volleyball game.
- Potter rolled out their ST Math program with the program mascot - Jiji the penguin.
- DMS had a successful open house recently.
- DHS summer reading program volunteers will meet with participating students this week to discuss their books.
- Dr. Gifford brought to the Committee's attention a recent article posted on *Southcoast Today* on September 7th and updated on September 9, 2019 wherein Jeanne Sheridan, Director of Nutrition, was quoted reporting Dartmouth Public School Food Service Program served an additional 22,917 meals last year for an increase of 8.2%. Dr. Gifford praised the work Ms. Sheridan and her staff are doing in the cafeterias.

Report of the Chair: Mrs. Amaral reported the following:

- DHS put out a "going back to school video" on its Media YouTube Channel.
- Monday, September 16th is the first SEPC meeting to be held at Quinn at 6:00 p.m.
- Dartmouth Education Foundation is accepting reservations for the Spelling Bee to be held on November 14th.
- DHS has its first football game on the new field this Friday, September 13th at Memorial Stadium.
- DSMA Home Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: The next regular session of the School Committee will take place on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Quinn School Community Room.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Jenkins to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. in order to discuss collective bargaining 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