

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

October 17, 2022

The warrants for bills payable were reviewed and signed by the School Committee.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Nunes at 6:30 p.m. in the Dartmouth High School Library Media Center. The Chair stated the meeting is streaming live on the Dartmouth High School Media YouTube channel and noted the meeting is being videotaped for future broadcast over DCTV Channels 9 and 18.

On a roll call the following members were present: Mr. Nunes, Mrs. Waite, Mrs. Amaral, Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Oliver.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Renee Vieira and Jody Parisi, from the Dartmouth Educators Association, provided comments concerning collective bargaining with union personnel to be discussed in Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Waite moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to approve the Regular Session Minutes of September 26, 2022 as written. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Gifford recommended the following requests to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

- **DeMello/Cushman PTO 2022-2023 Fundraising Requests**

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to approve the DeMello/Cushman PTO 2022-2023 fundraising requests as presented. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

- **Dartmouth High School Orchestra – Performance Tour in Washington, D.C., April 26th through April 30, 2023**

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to approve the Dartmouth High School Orchestra request to participate as presented. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

- DHS – School Improvement Plan: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the matter was moved to the November 21, 2022 meeting.
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OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent's Evaluation – Summative: Mr. Nunes thanked the Committee for forwarding their comments to him and Mrs. Amaral noting they met with Dr. Gifford last Friday regarding the matter.

The Chair explained the rating system and read through portions of the evaluation stating it was compiled from Committee members' comments: the overall summative performance evaluation found the Superintendent to be "proficient."

Dr. Jenkins asked that the vote on the evaluation be held until the next meeting so that the final draft can be sent to Committee members for review noting she is not looking to change anything that was reported but only to review the document prior to voting on it.

NEW BUSINESS

School Committee Policy – JF School Admissions – First Reading: Dr. Gifford proposed revisions to SC Policy JF *School Admissions* to make the language conform more to state law per DESE; Dr. Gifford noted the current policy language is taken from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Dr. Gifford stated the proposed new policy language comes directly from the legislation.

Dr. Gifford provided additional information leading to the revision of this policy.

Dr. Jenkins commented it would be good practice to use gender neutral language.

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Gifford provided information and updates of events and activities happening throughout the district.

- Some of us were able to attend the GNB Vocational High School Tour today which was very well done; other Dartmouth Town officials participated.
- Next Cook Center virtual session will be held tomorrow.
- Work continues with nurses regarding allergy awareness documents.
- Student Advisory Committee
- Learn Launch representatives visited the district last week; they will forward their observations.

Dr. Gifford announced her retirement effective March 1, 2023.

Mr. Nunes read Dr. Gifford's retirement notification which she submitted today.

Mr. Nunes stated the matter of finding an interim Superintendent and a creating a search committee for a Superintendent to start July 1, 2023 will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Report of the Chair: The Chair reported:

- Sports teams update.
- Music department update.
- Student Advisory Committee update.

Dr. Jenkins asked if the matter could be resolved by inviting all Student Advisory Committee members to our meeting; set aside time before our meeting.

Michael Martin, Dartmouth High School Assistant Principal, confirmed that the student election has been held.

-Mrs. Amaral stated the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will be holding its first in-person meeting (since 2019) tomorrow at Cushman school.

-Town Meeting taking place tomorrow at the high school.

-Dr. Jenkins asked that a presentation on learning loss and how the district is addressing these challenges be provided at a future meeting.

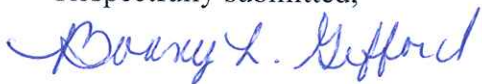
Other Matters that may not have been anticipated at the time of Agenda posting.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: The next regular session of the School Committee will take place in the Library Media Center at Dartmouth High School on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Waite moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. into Executive Session for an update on collective bargaining with union personnel and not return to open session. On a roll call the motion passed: 5-0: Mr. Nunes – Yes; Mrs. Waite – Yes; Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Dr Jenkins - Yes and Mr. Oliver – Yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonny L. Gifford, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools