

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

June 6, 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

Ray Oswald made comments regarding technology as it relates to school security.

Lynne Turner made comments regarding the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Nayan Bala, a junior at Dartmouth High School, provided an update of recent activities and events happening at Dartmouth high school.

-Senior Week Activities held last week: Senior Stroll, Scholarship and Awards Evening, Prom, After Prom and Senior Sunset.

-Spring Athletics Update.

-Junior Class Banquet will be held on Friday at White's of Westport.

-Freshman class will take Biology MCAS tomorrow and Wednesday.

Miss Bala noted this is her last meeting and thanked the Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to approve the Regular and Joint Session Minutes of May 23, 2022 as written. The motion passed: 4-0. Dr. Jenkins abstained.

Mrs. Waite moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 23, 2022, as written, with the stipulation that they be held until such time as the matter or matters for which the session was held are completed. The motion passed: 4-0. Dr. Jenkins abstained.

PRESENTATION

District Technology Overview: Dr. Gifford introduced Jonathan Gallishaw, Chief Technology Officer for the District.

Mr. Gallishaw gave an update of the district's technology status using a PowerPoint presentation which was provided to Committee members in the meeting packet.

Mr. Gallishaw explained how the current pandemic effected the district's operational and educational technology.

Mr. Gallishaw named staff in the technology department and the work they do for the district as well as staff at the schools who assist instructional staff to integrate technology in the classroom.

Mr. Gallishaw described the work being done by Trisha Leary who was appointed to the District Instructional Technology Specialist position that was created for this year with grant funding including vetting the district's software for data protection as well as providing training to staff in order to teach students how to utilize technology responsibly.

Mr. Gallishaw briefly stated the department's priorities for this summer and going forward.

Mr. Oliver asked about security technology.

Mr. Gallishaw responded there are plans to improve the district's security technology.

Mr. Oliver recognized the department's staffing needs and asked if the District Instructional Technology specialist position will end and will Ms. Leary return to her position at the Quinn school for the 2022-2023 school year.

Dr. Gifford responded the position will be extended for an additional year.

Mr. Oliver asked about district infrastructure.

Mr. Gallishaw briefly explained plans for a network redesign over the next several years.

Dr. Jenkins made comments regarding the concept of "digital citizenship" mentioned by Mr. Gallishaw in his presentation noting "we" need to think about what the best investment would be while considering the district's security and student safety as it relates to technology.

Mr. Nunes asked about the usage of technology throughout the district.

Mr. Gallishaw gave a brief description of technology device usage throughout the district schools.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Gifford recommended the following request to be approved by the Committee noting there are no changes from previous years noting the rental fee was increased by 3%.

Mr. Oliver asked for confirmation that classrooms leased at the Quinn school are for our programs as well as outside students through SMEC.

Dr. Gifford confirmed Mr. Oliver's statement.

- SMEC: FY23 Request for Permission to Lease Classroom Space

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Dr. Jenkins, to approve the three SMEC classroom leases for FY23. The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Sub-committee: Mr. Nunes opened the discussion on the matter.

Dr. Jenkins stated she would like to continue the Committee and made a recommendation to wait until the newly hired Directors of Teaching and Learning have started in their respective positions so they can provide input and leadership to this sub-committee noting those administrators will be responsible for curriculum across the district.

The Committee agreed with Dr. Jenkins recommendation to wait.

SMEC Quarterly Report: Mr. Oliver provided information regarding the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) including financial, expansion projects such as new language- based programs and a pending real estate acquisition.

NEW BUSINESS

FY22 End of Year Authorization: Mr. Kiely sought the Committee's approval to authorize transfer powers between accounts within the FY22 operating budget as is customarily done at the end of each fiscal year consistent with School Committee Policy DBJ.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to authorize the budget transfers as adopted by the Committee under Policy DBJ. The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

Discussion of Proposal made by the Town to Form a Town/School Committee Standing Committee to Honor Local Native American History and Culture: The Chair opened discussion on the matter.

Mr. Nunes noted an email he received from David Tatelbaum, Chair of the Dartmouth Select Board, as it relates to the topic and which he forwarded to Committee members.

Dr. Jenkins stated she is in favor of the proposal.

Mrs. Waite stated she would like to serve on this committee.

Dr. Gifford reported on a meeting she had last week with Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Chairwoman of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) noting Mr. Nunes, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Jacob Ventura and Mr. Chris Pereira attended the meeting.

Dr. Gifford reminded the Committee it voted at a previous meeting to engage the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) in discussions on this matter and provided information about how to start a formal body with said Tribe by putting in place a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and explained how the newly formed decision-making board might look and what its role would be.

Mr. Oliver confirmed that other Tribes would be welcomed to participate in meetings but that the agreement would be between two governmental bodies: the Dartmouth School Committee and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah.)

Dr. Jenkins disagreed with the structure of the decision making body as described and stated “we” can make an agreement with more than one governmental body.

Mrs. Waite made comments to clarify the Town and the School Committee’s separate committee proposals.

Mr. Oliver asked if the Mashpee tribe has reached out to “us” to form a partnership.

Dr. Gifford stated the Superintendent in Mashpee gave her the name of the contact person for the Mashpee Tribe and that she reached out and connected with that person who stated she would get back to me but hasn’t yet.

Mr. Oliver asked what do we do if the Mashpee Tribe is not interested in forming a relationship with us.

Mr. Nunes responded they can send us a letter that they are not interested.

Mr. Nunes and Dr. Jenkins stated it is not “something” we can’t undo.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite that any group we form includes representatives from both of the federally recognized Tribes in the state of Massachusetts: the Mashpee and the Aquinnah. The motion passed: 4-1. Mr. Oliver opposed.

The Committee agreed with the Town’s committee proposal as well as to let the Town take the lead on the matter.

Proposed School Committee Meeting Dates: Dr. Gifford proposed the following meeting dates for July through September 2022: July 25th and August 22nd with a 5:00 p.m. start time; September 12th and September 26th with a 6:30 p.m. start time.

The Chair requested a start time of 5:00 p.m. for the next scheduled meeting of the Committee: June 27th.

The Committee members agreed with the proposed dates and start times as well as the recommended start time for June 27th.

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

- Update on end of year activities.
- Curriculum Summit.

- Administrators are working to fill vacancies.
- DHS Principal interviews took place today.

Report of the Chair: The Chair thanked and named those administrators, faculty and staff for their service and who are retiring at the end of this school year or during the next school year.

2021-2022 Retirees

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION
Jeanne Flight	DHS	Special Education Teacher
Sharon Gaydou	DeMello	School Nurse
Judy Cronin	DHS	Art Teacher
Patricia Kane	DHS	Business Teacher
Rosa Costa	DHS	Math Teacher
Theresa Henry-Baird	Potter	Special Education Teacher
Allen Braley	District	Maintenance/Groundskeeper
Tracy Oliveira	Central Administration	Director of Teaching & Learning
Margaret Collins	Cushman	Special Education Teacher
Monica O'Malley-Tavares	DMS	Math/Science Teacher
Darren Doane	DMS	Principal

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

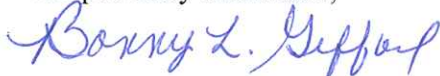
Mr. Oliver proposed that the Committee start an official recognition of retiring faculty and staff.

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, June 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. into Executive Session for an update on negotiations with non-union personnel only and not return to open session. On a roll call the motion passed unanimously: 5-0: Mr. Nunes – Yes; Mrs. Waite – Yes; Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Oliver – Yes.

Respectfully submitted,



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