

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

September 12, 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.

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

No public comments were given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to approve the Regular Session Minutes of August 22, 2022 as written. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW HIRES

The Chair invited Jeanne Sheridan, Director of School Nutrition, to introduce the Food Service Department's new hire.

Ms. Sheridan introduced Santa Mastropaolo who was appointed to the Food Service Operations Supervisor position.

Dr. Gifford invited Ross Thibault and Catherine Pavao, Directors of Teaching and Learning for the Secondary and Elementary Levels respectively to provide a brief overview of the teacher induction and mentoring experience known as Project T.I.M.E.

Mr. Thibault and Mrs. Pavao invited Project TIME Coordinators Janine Tavares (Elementary Level) and Kelly Duarte (Secondary Level), to introduce the Dartmouth Public Schools' 2022-2023 new instructional hires and their mentors.

Biographical information regarding new hires was provided in the members' meeting packet.

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Natalie Young	Pre-school Teacher	Cushman	Samantha Richards
Alicia Frick	Outreach Social Worker	Cushman	Lori O'Neil
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Jenna Gifford	Grade 5 Teacher	DeMello	Jasmine Olean
Amy Romero	Grade 3 Teacher	DeMello	Jasmine Olean
Jillian Rodrigues	Special Education Teacher	DeMello	Andrea Minyo
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Jessica Cushing	Special Education Teacher	Potter	Michelle Dias
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Katelyn Baptista	Grade 5 Teacher	Quinn	Wendy Candeis
Donna DeTerra	Grade 5 Teacher	Quinn	Wendy Candeias
Nicole Pacheco	Grade 3 Teacher	Quinn	Ashley Kapper
Melissa Simas	Grade 4 Teacher	Quinn	Ashley Kapper
Lindsay Perry	Grade 2 Teacher	Quinn	Laura Jenkins
Deanna McCoy	Special Education Teacher	Quinn	Laurie Dionisio
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Jillian Vandal	Gr 6 Special Education Teacher	DMS	Temple Mitchell
Patrick Chilabato	Gr 7 Math/Science Teacher	DMS	Sue Ubeira
Amanda Meehan	Gr 7 English Teacher	DMS	Paul Leconte
Nicholas Simonetti	Special Education Teacher	DMS	Ali Caito-Galligan
Campbell Stevenson	Math Teacher	DMS	Sue Ubeira
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Nicole Branco	English Teacher	DHS	Will Higgins
Raeann Cabral	English Teacher	DHS	Will Higgins
Kristen Johnson	Special Education Teacher	DHS	Ashley Kocur-Pierpont
Julia Dickinson	Art Teacher	DHS	Morgan Bozarth
Allison Medeiros	Guidance Counselor	DHS	Nicole Heath
Mary Jane Omar	Math Teacher	DHS	TBD
NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	MENTOR
Erin Gilhooly-Smith	Speech Language Pathologist	District/DMS	Lisa Katz-Turgeon
Lauren Dunn	Speech Language Pathologist	District/Quinn	Maryann Sorensen
Cameron Siegel	Elementary Music Teacher	District	Shirley Byers

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent's Evaluation – Committee Comments: Mr. Nunes commented we would like to bring this matter to “fruition” by the next meeting or in October.

Mr. Oliver asked what date should Committee members submit their comments.

Mr. Nunes responded that members should submit their comments by September 20th; he and Mrs. Amaral will meet and then they will meet with Dr. Gifford.

Student Representation to the School Committee Update: Mr. Nunes opened the discussion on the matter.

Mr. Nunes stated Ryan Shea, Principal of Dartmouth High School, is looking for some guidance as the School Committee currently does not have a student representative.

Mr. Shea explained past practices: the student council elects one member as student representative to the school committee.

Mr. Shea stated his understanding of the “update” is that a 5 – 10 student advisory committee elected by their peers needs to be created; Mr. Shea asked the School Committee for advice on how to “advertise/market” the advisory committee to students so that students will run for this office.

Dr. Jenkins responded we were not in compliance with the law regarding student representation to the school committee which caused the matter to be brought forward for review noting the educational benefit of having students participate in government.

Mrs. Waite stated that the “conventional” student council has already been elected and that group is more “activities driven;” her understanding is that this will be a separate group that will have its own meetings.

Dr. Gifford asked how will the meeting schedule work between the new 5-member student advisory committee and the school committee and what information can be provided to students so that they have an idea of the responsibilities of serving on the new committee.

Mr. Nunes read M.G.L. Ch 71 Section 38M – Student Advisory Committees.

Mr. Nunes stated his “issue” is how all 5 school committee members will meet with the 5-member student advisory committee.

Mr. Oliver responded he does not believe all of us have to meet; we can designate a member of the school committee to meet regularly with the student advisory committee.

Mr. Nunes asked if we need legal counsel to advise us whether one committee member or the full committee needs to meet with the student advisory committee; does it become a posted sub-committee.

Mr. Shea confirmed he needs to hold an election to seat the 5-member committee: he suggests 2 seniors, 1 junior, 1 sophomore and 1 freshman.

Mr. Shea asked the School Committee if he needs to post for a teacher advisor or will it be left “to all of you.”

The Committee agreed a teacher advisor should be posted.

Mr. Shea stated he will hold an election for 5 members to the Student Advisory Committee: 2 seniors and 1 each from the other grades noting he will be sure to hold the election for next year by June 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- Police Chief Brian Levesque and Sgt. Joseph Raposa, SRO supervisor, met with elementary principals to discuss expectations as it concerns the new elementary level SRO, Amanda Tavares.
- Wednesday is an early release day and professional development will focus around safety drills: Craig Pimental who has done our A.L.I.C.E. training will work with elementary school leaders to coordinate evacuation drills at the elementary level.
- DMS Gr 6 and Gr 7 have received instruction on A.L.I.C.E. protocols; Gr 8 instruction will take place tomorrow.
- DMS staff - with police presence - will hold an A.L.I.C.E. drill on Wednesday.
- Drills are being planned for the week of September 19th.
- DHS cell phone policy is going well.
- District strategic planning process will begin; "bridge" plan will identify action steps framed around the ideas we used in last year's DIP and SIPs: monitoring for understanding, fostering a sense of belonging and insuring grade appropriate instruction.
- Wellness Team met to continue our efforts with allergy awareness; examples were provided.

Mr. Oliver asked that the allergy awareness guidelines be shared with the Committee.

Report of the Chair: The Chair reported:

- DHS Music Department hosting 2 Home Shows: Oct 1st and October 15th.
- DHS was declared an official Special Olympic National Banner Unified Champion School by the Special Olympics International.
- Plaques honoring local Native History have been ordered and will be unveiled on Friday, September 23rd at DHS (during the day) and at Memorial Stadium during halftime at that night's home football game.
- DEF Grant Award ceremony happening tomorrow in the high school library media center.
- Mrs. Waite stated the new History Committee met recently to move forward on that mission.

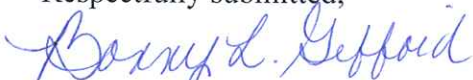
Other Matters that may not have been anticipated at the time of Agenda posting.

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, September 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to adjourn from Open Session at 7:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Bonny L. Gifford, Ed. D.