

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

September 26, 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

No public comments were offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RECOGNITION

Mr. Nunes invited Dr. Gifford and Mr. Kiely to recognize the Maintenance and Custodial Personnel for their diligence and efforts in maintaining a high level of functionality and cleanliness in all of the Dartmouth School facilities.

Facilities Manager – John Bernat (present); **Maintenance Personnel** – Ricardo Melo; Antonio Pacheco, Robert Ferreira, Shane Swansey (present) and Jacob Andrade (present); **Custodial Personnel** – **DHS**: Richard Pereira (Head Custodian) (present), Kevin Abrantes, Eduardo Goncalo (present), Jose Freitas (present) and Kyle Paquet (present); **DMS**: Randell Pontes (Head Custodian), James Brogden, Antonio Camara and James Riley; **QUINN**: Robert Nunes (Head Custodian), Maria Rocha, Paula Tripp (present) and Arthur Pimental, Jr.; **DeMELLO**: Marc Pereira and Matthew DeMello (present); **POTTER**: Nicholas Chamberlain (Head Custodian), Mark Leite and Mikaela Moniz; **CUSHMAN**: Michael Bachand (Head Custodian) and Donald Green.

The Committee praised the aforementioned personnel not only for their hard work but for their impact on students particularly at the elementary level.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **Quinn PTO 2022-2023 Fundraising Requests**

Dr. Jenkins noted for the record that the Quinn PTO raised nearly \$60,000 last year.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to approve the Quinn PTO 2022-2023 fundraising activity request as presented. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

- **Potter PTO 2022-2023 Fundraising Requests**

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to approve the Potter PTO 2022-2023 fundraising activity request as presented. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

Mr. Oliver asked for a copy of the Potter PTO budget.

- **DSMA – Fundraising Requests and Year End**

Dr. Jenkins noted for the record that the DSMA raised nearly \$170,000 this year.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to approve the DSMA fundraising activity request as presented. The motion passed unanimously: 4-0. Mr. Nunes abstained.

- **Dartmouth School Music Association (DSMA) – Request to Participate in the Bands of America Championships: October 28-30, 2022 in New Jersey**

Ian Flint, Director of Music, explained the event which is a new competition for the band.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the DSMA request to participate as presented. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent's Evaluation – Summative: The Committee agreed to move the matter to the October 17, 2022 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Capital Improvement Plan Update: Mr. Kiely referred to the memo included in the meeting packet which provides a breakdown of the CIP.

Mr. Kiely noted those items included on the warrant for the October Town Meeting including security improvements -door and window replacement as well as telephone and intercom upgrades: all items “coming in at” just over \$1,000,000.

Mr. Kiely thanked the Town side of government for its support.

Mr. Kiely explained why some items will not be included on the warrant at this time.

Dr. Jenkins asked for an update on the new building going up at Memorial Stadium.

Mr. Kiely provided an update on the new storage building under construction at Memorial Stadium.

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

- Potter School and the "Energy Bus for Kids" filling the day with positive energy.
- William "Sam" Madden, veteran district teacher, has been appointed to the Assistant Principal position; to start later in the school year.
- A.L.I.C.E. drill will take place at DMS this week; parents will be notified the night before.
- DMS Gr 7 Career Day will take place on October 5th.
- DHS College Fair happening tomorrow.
- Plaque dedication took place last week at DHS and the stadium.
- Strategic Plan Development on-going; *Learn Launch* DESE initiative.

Report of the Chair: The Chair reported:

- Mrs. Waite reported on the DEF awards.: 11 grants were awarded.
- Mr. Nunes referenced an email he received from Peter Chasse of DCTV which was shared with the Committee; noting he will be attending Monday's Select Board meeting to support DCTV as a community member and not as a member of this committee or of the DSMA.

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, October 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Waite moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to adjourn from Open Session at 7:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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