

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Nunes at 6:00 p.m. in the Dartmouth High School Auditorium. The Chair stated the meeting is not streaming live on the Dartmouth High School Media YouTube channel but noted the meeting is being videotaped for future broadcast over the DHS Media YouTube channel and DCTV Channels 9 and 18.

As a courtesy to all candidates, Mr. Nunes requested that attendees not post any comments of tonight's meeting on social media; Mr. Nunes extended this request to any "print" media that may be in the audience.

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

Also present: Mr. Kiely and Mrs. Genthner.

Mr. Nunes stated that the purpose of this evening's meeting is to conduct the interview of the last finalist for the position of Superintendent of Schools. The finalist will be asked a series of questions by the School Committee members. No public input will be entertained.

The finalist spent the day in district visiting the schools and meeting with students and staff at each level.

Robert J. Gerardi, Jr., Ph.D.
Current Position: Superintendent of Schools
for the New Shoreham School District
Block Island, Rhode Island

Mr. Nunes opened the interview by asking the Committee members to introduce themselves.

Mr. Nunes explained the format of the interview: Candidate's Opening Statement; Series of Prepared Questions to be asked by the Committee, a copy of the questions was provided to the Candidate at the beginning of the interview; Candidate's Closing Statement and/or questions for the Committee. Seventy-five minutes is scheduled for this interview.

Dr. Gerardi briefly highlighted his public education career.

The Committee posed and the Candidate responded to questions relating to but not limited to the following: how would you use research about educational practices to support decision-making processes; in the face of financial limitations what creative ways might you suggest to meet the educational needs of all students - special education supports to accelerated instruction; what is your leadership style and how will you apply it in Dartmouth; what examples would you offer for effective evaluation processes for teachers; independent auditors cited Dartmouth's lack of focus on diversity, equity and inclusion as an area that needs improvement how would you address this in Dartmouth; was what is your relationship with the School Committee and how would you react to the Committee not agreeing with a program change.

Dr. Gerardi's interview ended at 7:08 p.m.

The Committee recessed until 7:24 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Search Update – Discussion of Finalists and Potential Vote for Superintendent of Schools:

Mr. Nunes opened discussion on the matter.

The Committee agreed to wait until the school committee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2023 to vote on a new Superintendent.

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, March 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Waite moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Kiely
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Open Session - Documents/Exhibits
Interview Questions