

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
DARTMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 20, 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 interviews of two of the finalists for the position of Superintendent of Schools. Each finalist will be asked a series of questions by the School Committee members. No public input will be entertained.

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

June Saba-Maguire, Ed.D.
Current Position: Assistant Superintendent of Program Development,
Expansion, Engagement and Partnerships for the Brockton Public Schools
Brockton, MA

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. Saba-Maguire briefly highlighted her 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. Saba-Maguire's interview ended at 7:15 p.m.

The Committee recessed until 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Nunes stated there is a survey on the district website and asked that individuals wanting to participate to please submit the survey by Friday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Andrea Schwamb, Ed.D.
Current Position: Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Wareham, MA

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Dr. Schwamb briefly highlighted her public education career.

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Dr. Schwamb's interview ended at 8:25 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Pupil Support Services Administrator: Mr. Nunes handed out sealed envelopes containing the applications of the finalists for the Pupil Support Services Administrator (PSSA) position as selected by the PSSA Search Screening Committee were provided to the Committee members at the start of tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Amaral, in her role as Co-chair of the PSSA Search Screening Committee, named the two finalists noting a third finalist recently withdrew.

Laurie Dionisio
Lori Jodoin

Mr. Nunes stated the two finalists are currently employed by the District.

Mr. Nunes asked the Committee members to submit interview questions to Ms. Genthner by Friday, March 24, 2023.

The Committee agreed to schedule PSSA finalist interviews for the next regular session of the Committee on Monday, March 27, 2023; it was agreed an appointment would be made that night.

The Committee confirmed that a decision on the next Superintendent will be made on Monday, March 27, 2023.

The Committee agreed to start the March 27, 2023 meeting at 5:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: The next session of the School Committee will take place in the Auditorium at Dartmouth High School on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Kiely', written in a cursive style.

James A. Kiely
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Open Session - Documents/Exhibits

Interview Questions

PSSA Finalist Applications