

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

June 5, 2023

The warrants for bills payable were reviewed and signed by the School Committee.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kathleen Amaral 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: Mrs. Amaral, Mr. Oliver, Ms. Coughlin, Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Nunes. Dr. Jenkins participated via remote connection.

Also present: Mr. Kiely and Mrs. Genthner.

REPORT

Mrs. Enid Silva, President of the Dartmouth High School Alumni Association, read excerpts from this year's scholarship applications.

Miss Nayan Bala, a 2023 graduate of Dartmouth High School, read her scholarship application essay and provided brief comments of appreciation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maureen Sullivan-Boyle, teacher at Dartmouth Middle School (DMS), parent, Dartmouth resident and a DEA representative from DMS, made comments pertaining to collective bargaining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Ms. Coughlin to approve the Regular Session Minutes of May 15, 2023 as written. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously: 5-0: Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Mr. Oliver; Ms. Coughlin– Yes; Dr. Jenkins – Yes and Mr. Nunes – Yes.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 15, 2023 as written, with the stipulation that they be held until the matter for which they were intended is complete. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously: 5-0: Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Mr. Oliver; Ms. Coughlin– Yes; Dr. Jenkins – Yes and Mr. Nunes – Yes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Phoenix Dalla Costa, a senior at Dartmouth High School, was not in attendance and a report was not provided.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kiely recommended the following requests for the Committee's consideration and approval:

- Request for the DHS Marching Band and Color Guard request to operate the food concession at the Dartmouth Living Memorial Stadium for the 2023 Football Season

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, to approve the request of the DHS Marching Band and Color Guard to operate the food concession at the Dartmouth Living Memorial Stadium for the 2023 Football Season. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously: 5-0: Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Mr. Oliver; Ms. Coughlin– Yes; Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Nunes.

Mr. Kiely recommended the following request to be approved by the Committee noting the addition for the use of a small office adjacent to the SMEC classroom at the high school for an additional annual fee.

- SMEC: FY24 Request for Permission to Lease Classroom (1 classroom at DHS and 2 classrooms at Quinn) and office space at DHS.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Dartmouth School Committee and Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) for FY24. The motion carried unanimously: 5-0. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously: 5-0: Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Mr. Oliver; Ms. Coughlin– Yes; Dr. Jenkins - Yes and Mr. Nunes – Yes.

PRESENTATION

Overview of District Technology: Mr. Kiely invited Jonathan Gallishaw, the District's Chief Technology Officer, to provide an update of the District's technology.

Mr. Gallishaw provided a brief PowerPoint presentation highlighting the District's current and future technology status including matters pertaining to hardware, software, instructional standards as well as new technology including but not limited to updating the website, servers and new software specifically the introduction of a communication tool called *ParentSquare*.

Mr. Gallishaw briefly outlined the summer and on-going projects the technology department are working on including but not limited to wi-fi replacement, telephone replacement and new financial server.

The Committee thanked Mr. Gallishaw for his presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

FY24 Budget: Mrs. Amaral invited Mr. Kiely to speak on the proposed FY24 Budget.

Mr. Kiely provided a brief update of where the FY24 budget process stands going into Town Meeting which is being held tomorrow, June 6th as well as options to address budget shortfalls.

NEW BUSINESS

Revisions to the Handbook: Mr. Kiely sought the Committee's approval and vote for revisions to the student handbook.

Mr. Kiely briefly reviewed the revisions.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the student handbook as revised with the potential adjustment/correction to the handbook calendar. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously: 5-0: Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Mr. Oliver; Ms. Coughlin– Yes; Dr. Jenkins – Yes and Mr. Nunes - Yes.

FY23 End of Year Authorization: Mr. Kiely asked the Committee for authority to adjust from one area of the budget to another at the close of the fiscal year as is customarily done at the end of each fiscal year consistent with School Committee Policy DBJ.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, to approve the FY23 end of year authorization transfers. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously: 5-0: Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Mr. Oliver; Ms. Coughlin– Yes; Dr. Jenkins – Yes and Mr. Nunes - Yes.

Proposed School Committee Meeting Dates: Mr. Kiely proposed the following meeting dates for July through September 2023: July 17th and August 21st with a 5:00 p.m. start time; September 11th and September 25th with a 6:00 p.m. start time noting the next previously scheduled meeting is Monday, June 26th.

Mr. Kiely noted some members contacted him about a possible morning start for the July and August meetings or a 4:00 p.m. as well as moving the school year meetings to a 6:00 p.m. start.

The Committee cancelled its June 26th meeting citing lack of member availability.

The Committee members agreed to the proposed dates with a 5:00 p.m. start time for the summer and 6:00 p.m. for school year sessions.

Mr. Oliver asked to schedule a workshop in August once Dr. Saba-Maguire is “on-board.”

Mr. Nunes commented that there may be a policy with a specific start date which will need to be amended.

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

-Acknowledgement of 2022/2023 Retirees

2022-2023 Retirees

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION
Kevin Abrantes	DHS	Custodian
Kathleen Baldwin	District	Occupational Therapist
Susan Bishop	Quinn	Grade 3 Teacher
Marion DeMoranville	DHS	Food Service Worker
Darren Doane	DMS	Principal
Donna Flor	Potter	Special Education Teacher
Mita Ganguly	DMS	Teacher Assistant
Dr. Bonny Gifford	District	Superintendent
Anthony Martin	DMS	Special Education Teacher
Lisa Medeiros	Potter	Literacy Coach
Maria Rafferty	DMS	Secretary
Judith Souza	DMS	Food Service Worker

Mr. Oliver commented he would like to see implemented a recognition of retirees by the School Committee such as an invitation to be recognized.

-DHS graduation

-DMS graduation is next Tuesday (6/13) at Memorial Stadium

-Moving Up days

- Shout out to DCTV and DHS TV Media for their coverage of activities all year
- Curriculum Summit (PD event) scheduled for 6/15 and 6/16 with more than 65 teachers signed-up so far
- Athletics Update
- Summer Programs are being organized
- DESE is offering Acceleration Academy grant opportunities and the Directors of Teaching and Learning (Ross Thibault and Catherine Pavao) are working on the District's application

Report of the Chair: The Chair did not have anything further to report.

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, July 17, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Ms. Coughlin to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. into Executive Session for an update pertaining to Collective Bargaining with union personnel and to return to open session when completed. On a roll call the motion passed unanimously; 5-0: Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Mr. Oliver – Yes; Ms. Coughlin – Yes; Dr. Jenkins - Yes and Mr. Nunes – Yes.

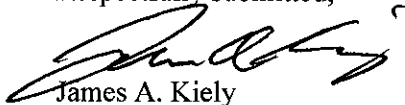
Open session was reconvened by the Chair at 8:12 p.m. in the Dartmouth High School Library Media Center.

On a roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Amaral, Mr. Oliver, Ms. Coughlin, Dr. Jenkins (via Zoom) and Mr. Nunes. Mr. Kiely and Mrs. Genthner were also present.

Mrs. Amaral reported the Dartmouth School Committee has come to an agreement with four of our bargaining units: Teachers; School Nurses/Educators; Education Support Professionals (formerly Assistants) and School Year/Full Year Secretaries.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Ms. Coughlin to adjourn from Open Session at 8:14 p.m. On a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously; 5-0: Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Mr. Oliver; Ms. Coughlin– Yes; Mr. Nunes - Yes and Dr. Jenkins – Yes.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Kiely
Interim Superintendent of School

Open Session - Documents/Exhibits

Agenda

Brief

Regular Session Minutes for June 5, 2023

Executive Session Minutes for June 5, 2023

Presentation – District Technology Overview

FY24 SMEC Lease

Proposed Student Handbook (including a summary of changes)

Proposed Committee Meeting Dates (July 2023-September 2023)

List of 2022-2023 Retirees

Executive Session – Documents/Exhibits

DEA Units (Teachers, School Nurse/Educators, Assistants, FY/SY Secretaries) MOAs