

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

January 23, 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 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

Debra August, Math Teacher at Dartmouth High School, made comments pertaining to collective bargaining.

Stephanie Melo, Special Education Teacher at Quinn Elementary School made comments pertaining to collective bargaining.

Vicki Cloutier, Teacher Assistant at Dartmouth High School, made comments pertaining to collective bargaining.

The Committee provided brief remarks pertaining to public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Waite moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 9, 2023 as written. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

Mrs. Waite moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 9, 2023 as written, with the stipulation that they be held until the matters for which the session was held are concluded. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative Phoenix Dalla Costa, a senior at Dartmouth High School, and recently elected by the Student Advisory Committee as its representative to the School Committee introduced himself and provided brief comments on matters pertaining to the high school: term 3 is starting and report cards should be issued next Monday.

OLD BUSINESS

Re-open Discussion on Student Advisory Committee: The Chair opened discussion on the matter.

Dr. Jenkins stated she would like to see the Student Representative remain for the full meeting and to have sustained student engagement.

Mr. Oliver agreed with Dr. Jenkins comments.

Mrs. Amaral agreed with the comments.

Mrs. Waite asked Mr. Dalla Costa how he became involved and how is the Student Advisory Committee being organized.

Mr. Dalla Costa responded the Committee is still in development: the five members of the Committee have had two meetings with Ms. Jamie O'Neil, faculty advisor, to discuss the "style" of school committee meetings adding the last meeting addressed *Roberts Rules of Order*.

CONSENT AGENDA

DHS – Cultural Excursion to Portugal and Spain (April 2024): The matter was tabled until the next meeting at the request of the high school.

PRESENTATIONS

Elementary Music Program: Dr. Gifford welcomed Ian Flint, Music Director for the Dartmouth Public Schools.

Mr. Flint presented an overview of the Dartmouth school's elementary music program: a PowerPoint presentation was provided.

Mr. Flint explained the importance of the elementary music program in supporting the music programs at the middle and high school levels.

Mr. Flint provided information about the elementary music staff noting an additional teacher was hired this year.

Mr. Flint provided information on PreK-5 music goals: lifelong love of music; musical skills (rhythm, pitch, melody); wide variety of experiences; performance opportunities; preparation for middle and high school music.

Mr. Flint provided information about and explained the District's elementary music curriculum: Orff and Kodaly.

Mr. Flint reported on the district's status as it pertains to elementary level musical instruments.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Search: Mr. Kiely stated changes were made to the brochure per the Committee's comments made at the last meeting adding the position was advertised last Friday; the application deadline is February 6, 2023. Mr. Hardy was scheduled to attend however personal matters prohibited him from being here.

Mrs. Amaral asked for confirmation that the selection criteria in the brochure is based on the results of the survey.

Mr. Kiely stated that is correct reiterating Mr. Hardy was to be here tonight to share those results and will be available at the next meeting to share the results or we can ask for written information to be provided before then.

Mr. Nunes asked that a written summary be provided to the Committee.

Mrs. Amaral asked that someone be present to explain the survey results at the next meeting.

Mr. Oliver agreed that someone from M.A.S.C. be present at the next meeting and asked that written information be provided prior to the meeting.

The Chair opened discussion on selecting members for the Superintendent Screening Committee from the list of people who emailed their interest to the School Committee listing the set up of the 2015 Superintendent Screening Committee: 2 Central Administrators; 2 School Committee members; 1 Curriculum Director; 3 Principals (DHS-DMS-Elementary); 3 teachers; a union designee/teacher; 2 parents and a retired administrator. It was noted the Committee agreed to revise this set up by changing the Curriculum Director to a Related Services Provider and the Retired Administrator to a member of the Secretarial, Maintenance/Custodial, Teacher Assistant or Food Service staff.

Mr. Oliver stated he did not see any community members or parents on the list of interested participants.

Mr. Nunes suggested we request building administrators reach out to their parent groups to see if there is any interest.

Dr. Jenkins asked how we qualify "central office."

For members representing the Central Office: Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to appoint Catherine Pavao, Director of Teaching and Learning/Elementary Level and Kate Genthner, administrative assistant, to the Superintendent Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

For members representing the School Committee: Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to appoint Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Oliver to the Superintendent Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

For the member representing Related Services: Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to appoint Mary Lynch, Reading Specialist at Dartmouth Middle School, to the Superintendent Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

For members representing Principals: Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to appoint Ryan Shea, Dartmouth High School; Peter Rossi, Dartmouth Middle School; Richard Porter, Potter Elementary School, to the Superintendent Screening Committee.

It was confirmed that a deadline date of January 20, 2023 for submitting a letter of interest to be on the screening committee was included in the "minutes."

Dr. Jenkins withdrew her motion.

Dr. Jenkins commented about including a woman in this group.

For members representing Principals: Mrs. Waite moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to appoint Ryan Shea, Dartmouth High School; Peter Rossi, Dartmouth Middle School; Kyle Grandfield, Elementary

School Level, to the Superintendent Screening Committee. The motion passed: 4-1. Mr. Nunes-Yes; Mrs. Waite – Yes; Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Dr. Jenkins – No and Mr. Oliver – Yes.

Dr. Jenkins made comments and asked if “we” should invite Renee Vieira, as a co-President of the Union to the podium to designate the Union/teacher designee.

Jody Parisi, co-President of the DEA Union, designated Renee Vieira as the Union designee.

For the member representing the Union/Teacher: Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to appoint Renee Vieira as the Union Designee to the Superintendent Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

Mr. Nunes recommended Eric Bosworth, Computer Science Teacher at Dartmouth High School (DHS); Wilbur Higgins, English Department Lead Teacher at DHS; and Trudy Santos, Teacher Assistant at Quinn Elementary School to represent the Teacher category.

Mrs. Waite commented that we should not leave out teachers from the elementary level.

Dr. Jenkins stated she would prefer to place Ms. Santos in the category representing Teacher Assistants, Maintenance/Custodians, Secretaries, and Food Service.

Mr. Nunes recommended Eric Bosworth; Wilbur Higgins and Sandra Chicca, Instructional Technology Specialist at Potter Elementary School to represent the Teacher category.

For members representing Teachers: Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to appoint Eric Bosworth, Wilbur Higgins, and Sandra Chicca as Teacher representatives to the Superintendent Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

The Committee requested school administrators reach out to parents to see if there is any interest in serving on the screening committee. The Committee agreed to the deadline date of January 31st by 4:00 p.m. for parents to submit their interest to Mrs. Genthner.

The Committee agreed to a meeting scheduled for February 2, 2023 to be held remotely via Zoom at 5:00 p.m. in order to select parent representatives to serve on the screening committee.

For members representing Teacher Assistants, Maintenance/Custodians, Secretaries or Food Service Personnel: Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to appoint Trudy Santos, a Teacher Assistant at the Quinn Elementary School, to the Superintendent Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

Pupil Support Services Administrator: The Chair opened discussion on selecting members for the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee from the list of people who emailed their interest to the School Committee listing the set-up of the 2014 screening committee: 2 School Committee members; 1 SEPAC Representative/Parent; 1 Parent of a Special Needs Student; 1 Central Office Administrator; 1 High School Administrator; 1 Middle School Administrator; 1 Elementary School Administrator; 1 Psychologist/SPED Team Facilitator; 1 Speech Language Pathologist and 1 Special Education Teacher.

For members representing the School Committee: Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to appoint Mr. Nunes and Mrs. Amaral to the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

There were no submissions from parents requesting to participate; the Committee asked that the District reach out to parents that may interested in serving and have them submit their interest by January 31st; the

matter of parent participation on the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee will be addressed at the February 2nd meeting.

For the member representing Central Office Administration: Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to appoint Mr. Thibault, Director of Teaching and Learning/Secondary Level, to the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

For the member representing High School Administration: Mrs. Amaral moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to appoint Michael Martin, Assistant Principal at Dartmouth High School, to the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

For the member representing Middle School Administration: Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to appoint Marc Hayes, Assistant Principal at Dartmouth Middle School, to the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

For the member representing Elementary School Administration: Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Dr. Waite to appoint Audra Thomas, Assistant Principal at Quinn Elementary School, to the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

For the member representing the Psychologist/SPED Team Facilitator: Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to appoint Katelyn Kaulback, School Psychologist at Potter Elementary School, to the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

For the member representing the Speech Language Pathologist: Mrs. Amaral moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to appoint Sandra Alpoim-Raposo, Speech Language Pathologist at the middle and elementary level to the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

For the member representing the Special Education Teacher: Mrs. Amaral moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to appoint Stephanie Melo, Special Education Teacher at Quinn Elementary School to the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

FY24-28 Capital Improvement Plan (Draft): Mr. Nunes invited Mr. Kiely to address the matter.

Mr. Kiely stated, based on the Committee's feedback from the last meeting, the major revision to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is the addition of a new or renovated school or schools; it was added in "2028" at a cost of \$100 million.

Mr. Kiely added that more analysis would need to be done to determine what is best for students and what projects "we" can identify that would make the most difference for the District moving forward.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to accept the FY24-28 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

Proposed 2023-2024 School Calendar: Mr. Nunes invited Dr. Gifford to address the matter.

Dr. Gifford stated the proposed 2023-2024 school year calendar was revised per the requests made by the Committee at the last meeting: we kept the 4-day Labor Day weekend; we included the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as part of the Thanksgiving recess as well as changing the date of one of the parent-teacher conferences in December. (The revised calendar was included in the

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral, to accept the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Annual Report - Vote: Dr. Gifford thanked the schools for their work on the 2022 Annual Report and asked the Committee for its vote of approval.

Dr. Jenkins had a question about Trust Funds as it relates to music.

Mr. Kiely responded.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, to approve the 2022 Annual Report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

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

-Quinn celebrating *Great Kindness Challenge* all week; next Friday is a celebration for the 100th day of school.

-Cushman School held a Special Olympics Young Athletes Day; Cushman received another \$6000 award from the Feinstein Institute

-DeMello School held a "Mad" Scientist Day today; the school offers STEM classes every Friday; Friday is World Reading Day with a virtual author visit; the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra will be returning to play and talk about math with Grades 3 and 4; Grade 5 Student Council is running a food drive with the Council on Aging.

-DHS received the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award from the College Boards for expanding young women's access to AP computer science principals.

Report of the Chair: The Chair reported:

-Sports Update.

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

Mrs. Amaral provided a SEPAC update.

Mr. Oliver asked about the hanging of the banner in the high school gym and stated he wished we would have had more conversation about the matter.

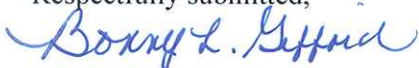
NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: A brief session of the School Committee for purposes related to the Superintendent Screening Committee as well as the Pupil Support Services Administrator Screening Committee will take place remotely via Zoom on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The next regular session of the School Committee will take place in the Library Media Center at Dartmouth High School on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Jenkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Waite to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. into Executive Session for an update on negotiation with union and non-union personnel and a pending legal matter and not return to open session. On a roll call the motion passed unanimously; 5-0: Mr. Nunes – Yes; Mrs. Waite – Yes; Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Dr. Jenkins – Yes and Mr. Oliver – Yes.

Respectfully submitted,



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