

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

January 29, 2024

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 5:00 p.m.; it was stated the meeting was being held remotely via Zoom Technology. The Chair announced the meeting is being recorded for future broadcast over DCTV.

On a roll call the following members were present: Kathleen Amaral, Christopher Oliver, Elizabeth Coughlin, Shannon Jenkins and John Nunes.

Also present: June Saba-Maguire, James Kiely and Kate Genthner.

The Chair stated the meeting is being held for the purpose of awarding a contract for legal counsel and invited Dr. Saba-Maguire to speak on the matter.

Dr. Saba-Maguire updated the Committee on the screening process noting herself along with Assistant Superintendent James Kiely and School Committee Members Bess Coughlin and Chris Oliver vetted the applicants (6 in total); three applicants were brought forward for interviews of which 2 were interviewed; after some discussion and fact finding a decision was made to recommend the law firm of Murphy, Toomey, Hesse and Lehane noting Attorney Kevin Bresnahan would be the lead attorney.

Mr. Kiely provided brief comments noting the field of candidates have much experience but our recommendation is based on Murphy, Toomey, Hesse and Lehane's level of experience working directly with school districts.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Ms. Coughlin, to offer a contract to the law firm of Murphy, Toomey, Hesse and Lehane and to authorize the Superintendent to sign said contract on behalf of the school committee. On a roll call the motion passed unanimously: 5-0: Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Mr. Oliver – Yes; Ms. Coughlin; Dr. Jenkins – Yes and Mr. Nunes – Yes.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Dr. Jenkins to adjourn from open session at 5:10p.m. On a roll call the motion passed unanimously; On a roll call the motion passed unanimously: 5-0: Mrs. Amaral – Yes; Mr. Oliver – Yes; Ms. Coughlin; Dr. Jenkins – Yes and Mr. Nunes – Yes

Respectfully submitted,



June Saba-Maguire, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

Open Session - Documents/Exhibits

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Brief