

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

April 22, 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 Chris Oliver at 6:00 p.m. in the Dartmouth High School Library Media Center. The Chair announced the meeting is being recorded for future broadcast over DCTV.

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

Also present: Dr. Saba-Maguire, James Kiely and Ms. Genthner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment was offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Ms. Coughlin to approve the Regular Session Minutes of April 8, 2024 as written. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Ms. Amaral to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 8, 2024 as written, with the stipulation that they be held until the matters under consideration are resolved. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

PRESENTATION

Project 351: Mr. Oliver invited Dr. Saba-Maguire to introduce tonight's presentation.

Dr. Saba-Maguire provided brief comments about the work being done to expand Dartmouth's involvement with Project 351 and invited those presenting this evening to the podium.

Ross Thibault, Director of Teaching and Learning, Secondary Level, commented on the collaboration between the high school and middle school regarding the District's work with Project 351 and thanked administrators and staff from both schools for their work.

Dr. Thibault introduced the Playbook Initiative Team who were present this evening: lead educator Lili Chamberlain a Spanish Language instructor at Dartmouth High School (DHS); lead trainer Jesse Walker, a Senior at DHS (unable to attend) and deputy trainer, Tia Raad, a Junior at DHS.

Dr. Thibault stated a documentary on the Project 351 *Playbook Initiative* which will be aired during tonight's meeting was put together by members of the DHS TV media program and introduced Landon Almeida, a Freshman at DHS, who edited and produced the entire documentary noting DHS senior Ava Cabral assisted with the graphics used in the documentary.

An 8-minute documentary - *DHS Playbook Initiative* - was aired which explained what Project 351 is and how Dartmouth is participating in the program including how Dartmouth middle school students are also participating in the *Playbook Initiative*.

Dr. Thibault reported that Dartmouth was one of 28 school districts throughout the Commonwealth chosen to participate in a day long training in Boston.

Presentation participants answered questions posed by Committee members.

District Entry Plan Findings: Mr. Oliver invited Dr. Saba-Maguire to present the District's Entry Plan Findings.

Dr. Saba-Maguire indicated that tonight's presentation is a compilation of information the Committee is aware of as well as an opportunity to provide next steps.

Dr. Saba-Maguire invited the Central Office Leadership Team to the podium to assist in the presentation: James Kiely, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations; Ross Thibault and Catherine Pavao, Directors of Teaching and Learning/Secondary and Elementary level respectively; Laurie Dionisio and Kimberly Redlon, Director and Assistant Director of Students Services respectively and Jonathan Gallishaw, Chief Technology Officer.

Dr. Saba-Maguire stated there are four phases of the entry plan noting the process is continuous and not linear: community building, listening and learning, analyzing data and sharing findings.

Dr. Saba-Maguire reported findings are based on data gained through surveys.

Dr. Saba-Maguire named and explained the categories the major themes and findings were framed under: Teaching and Learning, Safe and Supportive Schools, Family and Community Engagement and Budget and Capital Improvements: noting how the themes and findings in each category overlap.

Dr. Saba-Maguire stated that Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging are the foundation of all this work.

Dr. Thibault and Mrs. Pavao reported findings pertaining to Teaching and Learning.

Mrs. Dionisio and Mrs. Redlon reported findings pertaining to Safe and Supportive Schools.

Mr. Gallishaw reported findings pertaining to School Security.

Dr. Saba-Maguire reported findings pertaining to Family and Community Engagement.

Mr. Kiely reported findings pertaining to Budget and Capital Improvements.

Dr. Saba-Maguire explained the District's strengths, challenges, opportunities, risks (SCOR) analysis as a way to provide an overview of the major themes and findings.

Committee members expressed their appreciation for the presentation particularly how it was balanced between successes and challenges.

Mr. Oliver asked about next steps.

Dr. Saba-Maguire responded that we are in the beginning stages of strategic planning adding this report will inform that work.

Dr. Saba-Maguire stated due to student and staff engagement with surveys that "we" conducted allowed us to gather an incredible amount of data which "we" believe is authentic and which has informed this presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Sports Camp: Mr. Kiely sought the Committee's authorization to run the 2024 summer sports camp for students in grades 2 through 9.

Mr. Kiely indicated the cost for the camp would be \$80.00 per week for the 5-day weeks and \$65.00 for the 4-day weeks noting they are ½ day sessions adding the camp will run from June 24th through July 26, 2024.

Mr. Kiely reported 331 campers participated in nine different sports last year adding all profits from the camp go to supporting the athletics program and physical education equipment in the schools; last year's profit was approximately \$3,800.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Ms. Beckwith to approve the Summer Sports camp for 2024. The motion passed unanimously: 5-0.

Last Day of School for 2023-2024: Dr. Saba-Maguire stated the last day of school for the 2023-2024 school year will be June 17, 2024 noting this date accounts for the one school cancellation.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Mrs. Amaral to make June 17, 2024 the last day of school for 2023-2024 subject to change if necessary. The motion carried unanimously: 5-0.

Superintendent's Evaluation Update: Mr. Oliver stated he asked to have this matter on the agenda and asked Dr. Saba-Maguire her thoughts about the process.

Dr. Saba-Maguire stated much has been done this year and would be prepared to provide evidence in a format of their choosing.

Mr. Nunes explained the previous process noting he and Mrs. Amaral met with the Superintendent to review the findings and presented the same in open session.

Mr. Oliver asked the Committee what it wants to do.

Mr. Nunes suggested, if Dr. Saba-Maguire would like to go through the Superintendent evaluation to choose a couple of topics for us, as a committee, to focus on and bring "that" back to us.

Dr. Saba-Maguire offered to look at how the *Superintendent Goals* were laid out and embed links to the evidence that supports our work as a district towards those goals.

The Committee agreed with that suggestion.

Mr. Oliver asked that the evaluation be sent to the Committee sometime in June and formally vote on the evaluation sometime in August or September.

Mr. Nunes stated he and Mrs. Amaral could make a formal presentation to the School Committee in September.

The Committee agreed with the evaluation process as discussed.

Proposed Meeting Dates (July 2024 through December 2024): Dr. Saba-Maguire referred to proposed meeting dates provided in tonight's meeting packet for the Committee's approval: July 22nd; August 19, 2024; September 9th and September 23, 2024; October 7th and October 21, 2024; November 4th and November 25, 2024; December 2nd and December 16, 2024.

It was agreed that no meeting should be scheduled for December 2, 2024 and that the start time for the July and August meetings would be 5:30 p.m.

The Committee agreed on the proposed dates for June 2024 through December 2024.

Superintendent's Update: Dr. Saba-Maguire provided information and updates of events and activities happening throughout the District.

- Teaching and Learning Update
- Kindergarten Registration Update
- Strategic Planning Update
- HR Update
- Climate and Culture Update – 367 students are participating in Spring Sports Update; upcoming DHS production of *Grease*; *Credit for Life* fair held at DHS on April 11th to instruct the junior class in financial literacy held; DHS e-Sports team made the playoffs; DHS TV Media students will be recognized on April 30th at Shriners Children's Hospital in Boston for their burn awareness video; DHS TV media students won honorable mention in the 2024 Boston/New England Student Emmy Awards.

Report of the Chair: The Chair had nothing further to report.

- The Town Administrator has resigned effective July 15, 2024; we thank him for his work and wish him well in his next endeavor.
- Band Update
- DEF Spelling Bee schedule for May 14th; Committee agreed to sponsor a team.

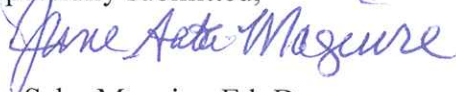
Other Matters that may not have been anticipated at the time of Agenda posting:

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: The next regular session of the School Committee will take place in the Library Media Center at Dartmouth High School and via live stream at youtube.com/dhstvmedia on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Nunes moved, seconded by Ms. Coughlin to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. The motion passed unanimously; 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Open Session - Documents/Exhibits

Agenda

Brief

Regular and Executive Session Minutes for April 8, 2024

Presentation – Project 351 PPP and Video

Presentation – District Entry Findings PPP

Proposed Meeting Dates (July 2024 thru December 2024)

Memo – 2024 Summer Sports Camp