

***Duxbury Public Schools***  
**School Committee Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting – August 17, 2016**  
**Alden School – Room 104**

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I. Welcome – Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Ward convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Moesaa, Mrs. Adams and Mr. Quigley.

Dr. Tantillo, Dr. Hunter and Mr. Proule were present. Student Representative Piers Klein was present.

II. Approval of the Minutes of June 15, 2016

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Mrs. Moessa

Unanimous

Approval of the Minutes of August 10, 2016

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Mrs. Adams

Unanimous

III. Reports for the School Committee

A. Superintendent

- Dr. Tantillo announced that the students return to school on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The teachers are reporting two days earlier on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- He reported that this summer the teachers had a lot of professional development. He credited the teachers for their professionalism in wanting to keep current in educational practices.
- This summer a lot of work was done on our physical plants and sites. Security cameras are being installed in both Chandler and Alden. This means that all of our schools will have security cameras accessible to the police. In addition, the upgrading of our wireless capabilities in the elementary schools has been completed.
- The new underground water tank at Chandler has been installed. The baseball field and the soccer fields at Chandler are the beneficiaries as they are green. This was a cooperative project of the town and schools.
- Chandler also has a new cafeteria serving equipment and a new huge mural, *The Duxbury Bay Café*. Thanks to the DEF and other donations, there is a wonderful pond in the Chandler Courtyard that will be used for our students to study science and learn how to take care of an ecological system.
- The sidewalks are being replaced in the front of the high school and PAC entrances.
- Due to Officer Weiler's promotion, some of our administrators will participate in the interviews for the next SRO.
- This fall, the schools, along with the rest of the town departments, will be participating in FEMA drills. FEMA will be meeting with our admin team in September.
- Lastly, over 90 new students have enrolled in our schools. This is in addition to the 49 students that we enrolled after September 1 of last year.

B. Curriculum

Dr. Hunter reported:

The iConnect and Social Studies presentations will occur in September.

Discussion is under way with The Museum Institute for Teaching Science in Quincy, MA to serve as consultant for the coming science review.

Administrators are building evaluator assignments for September.  
Tech Camp was held on June 23 and 24. Approximately 90 teachers participated.

C. Business Administrator

Mr. Proule reported that the end of year close out went smoothly. He noted that we were able to encumber a lot such as ipads, security cameras, projectors, etc.  
Mr. Proule also reported that we were able to encumber circuit breaker.

D. Chair

Mrs. Ward reported on Duxbury FACTS and the first meeting of this academic year will be on August 29 at 3:30, Alden School, room 104. There will be a guest speaker from the Jordan Hospital Club who will talk about HopeFest, a fundraiser during this fall. Funds will go to support a new program at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital that supports behavioral health and substance abuse prevention.

The second event is on September 26 with Dr. Greg Dale, a leading national sport psychologist from Duke University.

The PTA/PTO, Athletic Boosters, Parent Connection and the schools are sponsors.

IV. Presentations of Interest to the School Committee

A. Chartwells-Kellie Prince, RD, LDN School Nutrition Director & Erin Long, Regional Manager for Chartwells

Kellie presented the outcomes from last year, the successes, the opportunities moving forward, the budget for 2016-2017, strategic planning, Chandler renovations and menu boards going into DMS/DHS.

B. Superintendent's Goals

Mrs. Adams and Mr. Quigley worked with Dr. Tantillo over the summer to put together the goals. Dr. Tantillo thanked Mrs. Adams and Mr. Quigley for working with him on his goals.

District Improvement Goal

To implement professional learning communities in all 4 schools

Create the final comprehensive K-12 Wellness Program for the 2017-2018 school year

Create a foundation of support for a sustainable operating budget

Professional Practice Goal

To assist the School Committee and consultants in facilitating a smooth transition to a new superintendent

Student Achievement Goal

To increase the reading benchmark total scores for grades K-5 by 5%

C. DHS Handbook/Code of Conduct

Mr. Stephens and Mr. Holdgate presented proposed changes to the student, athletic, and Code of Conduct handbooks. The changes discussed included a reduction in consequences for first time offenses for being knowingly in the presence of the unlawful possession/use of alcohol and/or drugs. This is in relation to Dr. Tantillo's discussion at the June School Committee meeting that the police will evaluate students at off-campus parties. A general statement on Good Samaritans was presented and discussed that encourages students to actively seek help from administrators/staff, parents, emergency services if they witness acts of bullying, harassment, alcohol drug use/abuse. With regard to the system wide Code

of Conduct (Appendix I), the Social Probation consequence for the possession/use, and sale of alcohol and/or drugs on school property were increased.

Mr. Stephens proposed changes to the Code of Conduct:

- Change Appendix 1 to Duxbury Public Schools Code of Conduct
- Changed parking decals from *will* to *may*
- In terms of possessing an alcoholic beverage – possessing or conspiring to obtain
- Extended consequence for social probation from 5 to 9 weeks

D. Superintendent Search

As you know from last June, Dr. Tantillo has confirmed that he will retire as of June 30, 2017. The Committee agreed to send out RFP's to eight Executive Search Firms and received four responses. The Committee has invited three of those firms to come to our meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup> to present their capabilities.

V. Comments from the Public

The Comments from the Public section of the meeting is an opportunity for members of the community to address issues of concern about policy, budget, or administrative matters or share ideas about how we can work together to improve the Duxbury Public Schools. We value your input and respect divergent views; we only ask that you limit your remarks to two minutes and refrain from airing grievances with individual members of the school community. Thank you.

- A. Greg Morris - Discussed removing “knowingly in the presence of” from the Code of Conduct and let the parents handle the development of their teenagers. He also discussed the one-on-one questioning of a student without a parent present.
- B. Elizabeth Lewis - Discussed teaching kids consequences, condoning drinking, it's illegal.
- C. Selden Tearse - Discussed one-on-one questioning without a parent present. Adding the Good Samaritan language good idea.

VI. Matters for School Committee Action

- A. Vote to Approve DHS Handbook  
Motion: Mrs. Adams  
Second: Mrs. Moesaa  
Opposed Motion Passed 4-1
- B. Vote to Approve DHS Athletic Handbook  
Motion: Mrs. Moesaa  
Second: Mrs. Adams  
Opposed Motion Passed 4-1
- C. Vote to Approve Code of Conduct 2016-2017  
Motion: Mrs. Adams  
Second: Mrs. Moesaa  
Opposed Motion Passed 4-1
- D. Vote to Approve Agreement Between the Duxbury School Committee and the Duxbury Teachers' Association - September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019  
Motion: Mrs. Connolly  
Second: Mrs. Adams  
Unanimous

VII. Correspondence and New Business

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjourn: 9:50 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Connolly  
Second: Mrs. Moessa  
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Whoriskey  
Administrative Asst.

Meeting Documents:

SC Agenda, August 17

Minutes of June 15

Minutes of August 10

Curriculum Report

Student Handbook 2016-2017

Student Athlete Handbook with revisions

Code of Conduct

Superintendent Goals

SC Agenda Calendar 2016-2017

DTA Contract 2016-2019

The three handbooks were accepted with a 4:1 vote.