

Duxbury Public Schools
School Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting – September 7, 2016
Alden School – Room 104

I. Welcome – Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of legal matters. Roll call vote: Mrs. Ward, yes; Mrs. Connolly, yes; Mrs. Moesaa, yes; Mrs. Adams, yes; Mr. Quigley, yes. Mrs. Ward reconvened the meeting in open session at 7:00 p.m.
Present: Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Connolly, Mrs. Moesaa, Mr. Quigley, Mrs. Adams

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

II. Approval of the Minutes of September 7, 2016 as amended

Motion: Mrs. Moesaa
Second: Mrs. Adams
Unanimous

Mrs. Connolly noted page 3, top of page, second line, cross out Mrs. Ward and insert: Mr. Stephens proposed changes to the code of conduct.
Also, remove, The three handbooks were accepted with a 4-1 vote.

After discussion by the Committee the changes will be to remove Mrs. Ward's name and delete, The three handbooks were accepted with a 4-1 vote.

Mrs. Connolly asked Dr. Tantillo to contact our attorney to give an in-service on of the laws governing school councils.

III. Reports for the School Committee

A. Superintendent

- Dr. Tantillo reported that the school got off to a smooth start.
- He announced that we have hired an HR person, an accountant, and we will be hiring a part-time data entry person. He noted we have not added additional numbers to the Central Office staff, but have redirected some positions. This was done because everything we need to do for students, parents and staff are online.
- Dr. Tantillo talked about the administrative retreat, held on August 22 & 23. The time was spent being trained in PLCs.
- Laptops were distributed to the 7th grade students on Wednesday, 8/24. Parents and students attended a short presentation on the care of the laptops.
- The teachers came in last Monday and were involved in building and department based meetings. Last week, the entire K-12 teaching staff attended a presentation on PLCs.
- Dr. Tantillo reported that the Chandler Café mural looks awesome.
- Dr. Tantillo reported that tomorrow's primary would be the first time there would be voting in the Steele Building. Last night's School Building Meeting may be the final meeting. The final audit acceptance and approval of costs, etc. of the project will take place during the MSBA's meeting in January. The new grass fields are progressing very well and might be use next spring.

Dr. Tantillo spoke about PLC, professional learning community, is a group of educators that meets regularly, shares expertise, and works collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students.

Teachers will be meeting once every two weeks for a 40-minute period with teachers of

the same grade, team or subject area.

B. Curriculum – Dr. Hunter

- The report of the Social Studies Subcommittee is attached.
- The Health Committee will reconvene as SHAC to determine steps for the Health program.
- The Solution Tree consultants provided direction on the upcoming implementation of Professional Learning Communities in each school to both the leadership team and faculty.
- A great deal of time this year will be dedicated to professional development.
- The administrators and staff continue to be invited to present at conferences:
Linda Klein: Massachusetts Art Education Association
- Stephanie Iacadoro: The Mathematics Classroom of the Future
- Laurie Hunter: Project-Based Learning Conference
- Administrator Team: MassCUE
- iConnect K-12: Digital Access for All in a Transformed Learning Environment”
- National Council of Social Studies Assessment/Data
- The state is due to publicly release MCAS and PARCC results in mid to late September.

C. Business Administrator

Mr. Proule reported:

Most of the summer was spent interviewing and reorganizing the central office.

They are still closing out the FY16-17 year with grants.

The operating budget went well at closeout.

Mr. Proule is working with Brian Cherry to develop a capital budget for FY18.

The special law that he discussed last year about encumbering funds has passed and there will have more information at the next meeting

D. Student Representative - Piers Klein reported:

Today was the first day of iLab for DH students

Tomorrow is Open House for DH parents and the first football game

Class pictures are on September 16 & 19

All sports have begun and boys and

IV. Presentations of Interest to the School Committee

A. School Committee Goals – The Committee discussed the following:

Hiring a new superintendent

Community outreach

Hiring a new superintendent

Superintendent evaluation

Professional development for School Committee

Strategic Plan

Vision for the district

Mrs. Ward will draft a new document to vote on at the next meeting.

B. Social Studies – Sarah McGuire, Ritamarie Benoit

The Duxbury public Schools formalized its curriculum review processes in the fall of 2013. The process is a five-step cycle, each step being one year in length.

For the 2015-2016 school year, a subcommittee of Social Studies educators and leadership met to examine curriculum and instruction. Consultants from the Connecticut Council for the social studies conducted an external review and provided a report to the district. The

subcommittee aggregated its internal findings and the recommendations of the outside review to develop an action plan. The subcommittee discussed the current social studies curriculum and recommendations.

- C. iConnect Presentation – Cheryl Lewis & Mike Woodford
This year Mike and his coworkers put together a six-page list of projects that is almost complete. They did a wireless network; Internet connection and they added 140 ipads at Chandler.

Cheryl Lewis, Technology Director
Presented the key goals 2016-2019

Sustain Technology Infrastructure while Maximizing Device deployment
Implement finalized MA Technology Standards
Continue to identify ways to meet DPS Strategic Plan Goals
Develop in conjunction with Assistant Superintendent an online Duxbury Teacher Academy

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 ideas about how we can work together to improve the Duxbury Public Schools. We value 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. Tanya Veitch, mother of second grade student at Chandler – Reconsideration of librarian materials, in particular the I Survived series.
- B. Michele Hatfield hopes books are removed. Mrs. Hatfield belongs to the Sidewalk project would like to be on our agenda to talk about a project.

Mrs. Ward announced that the Committee reviewed presentations from three executive search firms to assist in the search for a new superintendent. The Committee will vote to approve the firm of Hazard, Young, Attea.

V. Matters for School Committee Action

- A. Vote to Approve Hazard, Young, Attea Search Firm, and to authorize Mrs. Ward to execute an agreement with HYA

Motion: Mr. Quigley
Second: Mrs. Connolly
Unanimous

VI. Correspondence and New Business

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjourn:.

Motion: Mr. Quigley
Second: Mrs. Connolly
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Whoriskey
Administrative Asst.

Meeting Documents:

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Curriculum Report