

Duxbury Public Schools
School Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting – September 21, 2016
Alden School – Room 104

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

Also present: Dr. John Connolly, with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates Search Firm

II. Superintendent Search

Dr. Connolly facilitated the meeting.

The agenda included:

Review of the search process

Confidentiality and community engagement

Background check

Tentative search calendar

Online survey – (six groups the Committee would like identified)

Schedule interviews with Committee Members – Dr. Connolly interview individually

Identification of groups to meet with HYA consultants

number of candidates and internal candidates

Tonight, Dr. Connolly would like to identify those groups that should be part of the focus groups.

III. Approval of the Minutes of September 7, 2016

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Mrs. Moesaa

Unanimous

IV. Student Recognition – AP Scholars

The Committee recognized the AP Scholars for their exemplary college-level achievement on the Advanced Placement examinations.

V. Introduction of New Faculty

The building principals introduced their new faculty members. We have approximately 19 new faculty members.

VI. Reports for the School Committee

A. Superintendent

Dr. Tantillo reported on the solar panels for Chandler and the new building. They will start placing materials the third week in October. All construction workers will be CORI checked.

The high school hosted the USS Duxbury Bay Crew Reunion and the 50th Anniversary of the Decommissioning of the USS Duxbury Bay. Dr. Tantillo said it was a memorable ceremony highlighted by our high school band playing the Navy Hymn and Taps.

Dr. Hunter and Dr. Tantillo spoke with the owner of Island Creek Oysters regarding the possibility of collaborating on a Seacoast Economic Grant from the State. This would be a

way for us to fund Time and Tides. The grant has to be in by November and we will be notified by January.

Dr. Tantillo reported that last Thursday was Dot Day at Alden. Students, taking a queue from or the book, wrote or drew how they thought they would make their mark on the world.

The fifth grade students will be going to Camp Wing for the day for team building and camaraderie. The 8th grade students will be at Nature's Classroom from October 11-14.

On Monday, 9/26 the Parent Connection will be hosting Greg Dale, PHD and Director of Sports, Psychology, and Leadership Program at Duke University to discuss the role of parents in ensuring their children have healthier and rewarding experiences in school and extracurricular activities. Tickets can be found on the Parent Connection web site.

B. Curriculum

Dr. Hunter reported:

- We are pursuing several possible grant opportunities: Safe and Supportive Schools Grant with a cap of \$10,000.
- Partnership innovation grant in order to foster partnerships between districts and higher education teacher preparation programs.
- We have continued discussions with Island Creek Oysters relative to the Seaport Economic Council Award. Regardless of the outcome of the grant, we are crafting opportunities for students with Island Creek.
- The state is due to publicly release MCAS and PARCC results on September 26. Assessment of the 2016 standards will occur on the 2019 Science MCAS tests.

C. Business Administrator

Mr. Proule is finishing up the FY15-16 Grants and will be working on FY17 salary projections soon.

The MSBA final reimbursements warrant needs to be completed by September 29 to closeout the MSBA audit by January.

Mr. Proule reported that two new staff members have been hired for the Central Office. Ann MacNaughton, School Accountant, who has eight years experience as a town account in Bridgewater. Gerry Panuczak, HR Director, has nine years experience from the Town of Chatham.

Mrs. Ward remembered Kathy Kazanowski who passed away last week from a long illness and was buried today. Kathy was a teacher and an administrator in the Brockton Public Schools for many years and a member of the Duxbury School Committee.

Kathy and Tom's children graduated from Duxbury High School and Kathy was very involved with the schools, her church, and many committees in town.

Mrs. Ward asked to join her in recognizing Kathy's dedication to education and community service and her indomitable spirit.

VII. Presentations of Interest to the School Committee

A. Capital Budget Presentation

Brian Cherry, Facilities Director, is proposing improvements to the schools for FY18. This includes the final phase of the repair or replace at Alden (\$110,000). He is proposing that \$330,000 be set aside for capital improvement for the next 10 years. This includes: fixing the Alden library roof (\$25,000) and a dehumidification plan (\$20,000). At Chandler the gym roof skylights need to be replaced (\$14,000).

B. School Committee Goals

The Committee discussed their goals:

Leadership - Superintendent Search: The School Committee will conduct a national search for a new superintendent to be under contract by the start of the 2017-2018 school year (July 1, 2017).

The School Committee will conduct a broad assessment of the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan goes and expected outcomes at the mid-point of the current academic year, in preparation for the development of a new strategic plan for 2018-2023.

Improvement - The School Committee will work with the district administration to refine the accountability processes that enable the members to monitor, evaluate and advocate for the effectiveness of the school district.

The School Committee will seek opportunities to communicate and engage with the community and to advocate for the district with residents and town leadership. The Committee will share with the community accurate and consistent information on district performance, policy, and budget.

Professional Development - School Committee members will engage in learning opportunities to improve their effectiveness in monitoring and evaluating school district performance.

VIII. 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.

IX. Matters for School Committee Action

The Committee discussed ballot question 2 – lifting the cap on commonwealth charter Schools. Mrs. Ward read the Resolution and asked for a motion.

A. Vote to Oppose lifting the cap on the Commonwealth charter schools

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Mrs. Adams

Unanimous

The Committee discussed ballot question 4 – legalization of recreational marijuana Mrs. Ward read the Resolution and asked for a motion.

B. Vote to Oppose the legalization of recreational marijuana

Motion: Mrs. Moessa

Second: Mrs. Adams

Unanimous

C. Vote to Approve School Committee Goals 2016-2017
Motion: Mrs. Connolly
Second: Mr. Quigley
Unanimous

X. Correspondence and New Business

XI. Adjourn 9:45 p.m.
Motion: Mrs. Adams
Second: Mrs. Connolly
Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Whoriskey
Administrative Assistant

Meeting Documents:
Agenda September 21, 2016
Minutes of September 7, 2016
Superintendent Report
Curriculum Report
Capital Budget Report
School Committee Goals