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October 16, 2019

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

*The October 16, 2019 School Committee (SC) meeting was called to order by Brett Argall at 7:00 PM. He reported that the meeting is being broadcast live and recorded for future rebroadcasting.*

*School Committee Members present: Brett Argall (Chair), Lisa Brown (Secretary), Becky Charniak, Kelli Grady (Vice Chair), Julie Moulder (arrived approximately 8:00 PM)*

*School Committee Members Absent:*

*Non-Voting: Business & Operations Manager Cortney Keegan, Superintendent Kevin Maines*

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Student Representative Report**

Will Champagne of DHS joined the meeting and reported on Homecoming Pep Rally and Dance, Celebration Graduation spaghetti dinner, National Honor Society induction, Haunted Hallways, Pink-Out Volleyball Game, Drivers Ed classes, PSATs and Senior Halloween Parade.

### **Public Comment & Communication**

Leslie Breault of 20 Depot Street joined the meeting and stated that she learned that the exercise room doesn't have any equipment. Superintendent Maines stated that the two treadmills and two ellipticals were declared beyond their useful life and were removed. Ms. Breault asked if there was a plan to get equipment. Superintendent Maines stated that they are trying to find a way to get one of each. The cost to replace four machines is \$16,000-\$18,000. Ms. Grady asked if this item could be put on an agenda. Superintendent Maines suggested that the Budget Subcommittee look at this topic.

Ms. Breault stated that the Athletic Boosters are sponsoring the Tiger Trail Trot this Sunday. Superintendent Maines stated that the Company Open is scheduled for 10/24/19.

### **Old Business/New Business**

*Old Business:* There was no old business.

*New Business:* There was no new business.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **DMS-Domestic Hot Water Tank**

*Superintendent Maines stated one of the hot water tanks at DMS was never properly wired nor ever worked. This has been an issue since the renovation. As a result, it has rusted and needs to be replaced. The estimate is \$16,000.*

*Ms. Keegan stated that the Town Finance Director suggested the possibility of transferring funds from the Norfolk Agricultural account at the May Town Meeting. Ms. Keegan suggested using funds from the General Fund for now.*

Ms. Grady asked if the installer could be asked to pay for the replacement. Superintendent Maines stated that since the school signed off on the project, they have no recourse.

It was the consensus of the SC to move forward with replacing the DMS hot water tank.

#### **Policy BEDH (Public Participation at School Committee Meetings)-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

*Superintendent Maines read new wording clarifying #10. Mr. Argall asked about #9. Superintendent Maines stated that there was nothing in the literature about extended families.*

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Superintendent Maines will find out if the policy needs to be read out loud at a public meeting prior to approval.

*Initial Planning of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Years*

*Principals Romano, Delaney and Bell and Ms. Urquhart joined the meeting. Superintendent Maines gave a presentation including: Continuation of “Moving the District Forward” Plan of 2017-2018, MCAS Data Collection and Review, Blackstone Valley Consortium, Early College Program, Animal and Plant Science at DHS, Formulated Academic Pathway in Medical Studies, Project Lead the Way, Expansion of STEM/Robotics Learning, Manufacturing and Construction at DHS, Spanish at DMS and DHS, English Learners, Unified Sports Program, Distributive Education Clubs of America, Community Food Drives, Curriculum and Grants, and Special Education Programs.*

Discussions were held regarding MCAS, exposing students to trades, capitalizing on Special Education programs, and moving forward and implementing the plan.

*School Committee & Sub-Committee Report*

*Accounts Payable Report*

*Ms. Brown stated that on 10/3/19 she signed 4 batches totaling \$72,220.50, and on 10/10/19 she signed 13 batches totaling \$212,527.86.*

*Superintendent Maines stated that the Chromebooks have been ordered and they are being processed and distributed.*

*Negotiations Subcommittee Report*

*Mr. Argall stated that their first meeting was last week. They introduced Town Administrator Matt Wojcik and had an overview of how negotiations are run.*

Superintendent Maines stated that a copy of the ground rules has been received. Superintendent Maines will be meeting with the Douglas Teachers Association leadership team next Thursday.

*Consent Agenda*

*Minutes: October 2, 2019*

-Ms. Charniak made a motion to approve the October 2, 2019 School Committee meeting minutes as amended. Ms. Grady seconded the motion. Vote: Aye-5.

*DHS-Out-of-State Soccer Practice*

*Mr. Romano joined the meeting and asked for permission for the DHS boys and girls soccer teams to practice in Rhode Island. The date has yet to be determined.*

-Ms. Brown made a motion to approve the boys and girls varsity and junior varsity soccer teams out-of-state travel to Rhode Island to practice on a date to be determined. Ms. Charniak seconded the motion. Vote: Aye-5.

*School Business and Operations Manager Report*

*Transfers and Reclassifications*

*Ms. Keegan presented the transfers.*

-Ms. Charniak made a motion to approve FY20 General Fund Budgetary Transfer request #1 as presented by the Business Manager for the School Committee meeting dated October 16, 2019. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Vote: Aye-5.

*Ms. Keegan presented three reclassification, all in Payroll.*

-Ms. Grady made a motion to approve FY20 Reclassification #1 as presented by the Business Manager for the School Committee meeting dated October 16, 2019. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Vote: Aye-5.

*FY2019 DESE End of Year Report (Unaudited)*

*Ms. Keegan presented the report, including revenues, expenditures, transportation, reports pages 1-8, and Schedules 1, 3, 4, 7, and 19. Ms. Keegan explained "maintenance of effort".*

*FY2020 Additional Appropriations Report*

*Ms. Keegan presented the report of additional items approved by the SC, and she made note of the items that were reinstatements as opposed to new positions.*

**Other Topics**

Superintendent Maines stated that Ms. Nasuti has created a Student Life video. He will present it in two weeks.

Mr. Argall stated that the Finance Committee would like the School Committee to present on 12/8/19. The Budget Subcommittee should meet before this date.

Superintendent Maines asked if anyone on the SC would be attending the conference at the Cape 11/6-9, 2019. There is money budgeted for SC members to attend.

**Executive Session**

-Ms. Grady made a motion at 8:51 PM to enter into executive session because the open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the committee. When the Executive Session is concluded, the public session will be adjourned and there will be no further public business conducted this evening. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Brett Argall – Aye, Lisa Brown – Aye, Becky Charniak – Aye, Kelli Grady – Aye, Julie Moulder – Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Wright  
Recording Secretary