

*Duxbury Public Schools*  
**School Committee Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting – October 19, 2016**  
**Alden School – Room 104**

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I. Welcome – Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Ward convened the meeting at 6:15. Motion was made to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. 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.

Dr. Hunter and Mr. Proule were present. Dr. Tantillo was absent.  
Abigail Manning and Piers Klein, student representatives, were present.

II. Approval of the Minutes of October 5, 2016

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Mrs. Adams

Unanimous

III. Reports for the School Committee

A. Curriculum – Dr. Hunter

- Plans are underway for the November 8 professional development day.  
A complete list will be provided in the November 5 curriculum report.
- Dr. Hunter will be meeting with DEF at the end of the month to begin discussion on the 2017 grant process.
- MassCUE is a combined conference sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S).

B. Business Administrator

Mr. Proule reported that he was in training today with the emergency management agency (MEMA).

Mr. Proule reported that he would be developing the FY18 budget utilizing the Softright budget module.

C. Chair

Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Adams attended Alden's PTA meeting last week. They gave an update on the superintendent search and spoke about the work Mrs. Adams is doing gathering data and benchmarks.

D. Student Representatives

Abigail Manning and Piers Klein reported:

- October 24 is the DHS Fall Concert.
- Yesterday, October 18, was the DHS Fall Band Concert.
- PSATs for sophomores and juniors were today.
- DHS Fall Tournament of Plays is next Thursday through Saturday.
- Boys' golf became the first team to claim a fall league title with their win on homecoming over Hingham. Today they finished their season with a perfect 15-0 record.
- Field Hockey's win over Silver Lake propelled the team into first place.
- Boys' soccer remains in first place with wins last week over Pembroke and Plymouth.

- Girls' soccer 'swept the week' with a win at Plymouth North. They defeated Pembroke and Norwell earlier in the week.
- Cheerleading has their first competition of the season this Sunday.
- Football is still undefeated as they go into the game against Hingham this Friday.

VI. Presentations of Interest to the Committee

- A. Michelle Hatfield, Sidewalk and Bike Path Committee, and Moss Lynch, Massachusetts, Safe Routes to School, reported that DMS is an affiliate of the Sidewalk Committee and they would like to see Alden and Chandler become affiliates as well.

They are requesting that the School Committee make the recommendation that at least one liaison from the schools be appointed to coordinate with safe routes to school.

- B. The Leadership profile report includes a summary of consistent responses received from participants in focus groups regarding strengths of the district, new challenges/concerns/issues facing the district and desired characteristics of the Superintendent. The report also incorporates additional responses from the online survey.

The Committee discussed advertising for the new superintendent and background checks.

At the next meeting on November 22, Dr. Connolly will go through the interview protocols, screening, initial interview, and choosing the finalists. The five school committee members and the search committee members will be in attendance.

The Committee will review all of the protocols and developed a script for the interviews. Suggested Interview questions that you would like developed within the script should be sent to Dr. Connolly by November 1.

Dr. Connolly discussed scheduling the candidates. The goal is to select the preferred candidate on December 7.

C. DMS School Improvement Report

Principal Dalton and Jen Sullivan, Co-chair, presented an update from 2015-2016 and the plan for 2016-2017

Goal 1: Give Academics a Higher Status

Goal 2: Foster and Support a Curriculum that is Robust, Innovative, Rigorous, and Relevant

Goal 3: Provide Authentic Collaborative Experiences for Students to become College and Career Ready and Globally Astute

Goal 4: Strengthen Communication and Partnerships with the Community

D. DHS School Improvement Report

Principal Stephens and Joe Lamothe, Co-chair, presented an update from 2015-2016 and the plan for 2016-2017.

Goal 1: Student Learning - To focus faculty discussions on school wide writing expectations and explore methods by which student learning is supported.

Goal 2: Professional Development - To offer flexible PD time to teachers for content-base Professional Development and for technology training/support

Goal 3: School Culture -To analyze school data to prioritize culture/climate initiatives and to increase student/faculty voice with goal to improve school and classroom climate/culture at DHS

Goal 4: Facilities & Communication -To determine ways to personalize DHS to make it more inviting.

Goal 5: Time and Tides: To develop a pilot 'school within a school' program based on experiential model.

E. MASC Conference 2016

Mrs. Ward discussed the resolutions.

The Committee supports the 2016 Resolutions.

Resolution 1 – Foundation Budget

Resolution 2 – Tax Reform Ballot Question

Resolution 3 – Charter School Reform

Resolution 4 – Social and Emotional Well-Being of Students

F. Policies -

A. Student Placement IIA-R (revised)

The Committee approved the revised policy.

V. Comments from the Public

Tania Benecchi, parent, spoke about the *I Survived* book series.

She requested that the School Committee take action on three items:

Create a district-adopted procedure for reviewing challenged library materials

Evaluate the *I Survived* series review

The Committee consider what transpired with this this review.

VI. Matters for School Committee Action

A. Vote to Approve the DHS Improvement Plan 2016-2017

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Mrs. Adams

Unanimous

B. Vote to Approve the DMS School Improvement Plan 2016-2017

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Mrs. Adams

Unanimous

C. Vote to Accept the revised Student Placement Policy IIA-R

Motion: Mrs. Adams

Second: Mrs. Connolly

Unanimous

VII. Correspondence and New Business

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjourn:

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Mrs. Adams

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Ginny Whoriskey

Meeting Documents: Agenda/Minutes of October 5/Curriculum Report/DHS SIP/DHS SIP