

*Duxbury Public Schools*  
**School Committee Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting – November 2, 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. Connolly, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moesaa, Mrs. Adams and Mr. Quigley

Present: Dr. Tantillo and Mr. Proule.

II. *Approval of the Minutes of October 5, 2016*

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Mr. Quigley

Unanimous

*Approval of the Minutes of October 19, 2016*

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Julia Adams

Unanimous

III. *Reports for the School Committee*

A. Superintendent

Dr. Tantillo attended a national superintendents' conference two weeks ago with a group of superintendents from across the country. They discussed the research completed on a PA school district conducted by the District Management Council and the Harvard Business School on blended learning.

Dr. Tantillo spoke about David Berliner, Educational Psychologist at ASU, who authored the book, *Confronting Myths and Lies about Public Education*. He spoke of the differences in student testing populations when compared to other countries that were usually cited to be better than schools in the US.

He noted that the group was introduced to a Twitter management tool called Tweet deck, which is used to organize accounts. They also learned about VOXER, which is a chat site for any group you choose.

B. Curriculum

Dr. Hunter reported the meeting dates for the Science Subcommittee Meetings:

November 3 – Science Subcommittee

November 10 – SHAC

Dr. Hunter reported on the Youth Health Connection and that we would be participating in a grant funded program entitled Calm Classroom that focuses on classroom strategies to develop self-awareness, mental focus and inner calm. The Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center will conduct assemblies with the eighth and ninth graders on November 17. The MA Board of Education extended the timeline for implementation of the new MCAS at the high school level. The new tests are now planned for the class of 2021 (this year's eighth grade).

C. Chair

Mrs. Ward reported on the film being shown this Friday at the PAC on the Zabuli Education Center.

The DEF phone-a-thon will be on November 13-15.

On November 14 at the PAC, the Parent Connection is presenting Lynne Griffin. She is the author of the *Negotiation Generation*.

Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Adams attended the MASC Conference in Hyannis. The four resolutions discussed at the last meeting passed.

Mrs. Ward noted the theme for this year's conference is social/emotional learning and that increasing concerns with the mental health of adolescents is on the rise.

The next FACT meeting is November 15. The speaker will be Julie Johnson and she will speak about the impact of marijuana on the adolescent brain.

IV. *Presentations of Interest to the Committee*

A. FY18 Budget Presentation

Dr. Tantillo and David Proule presented the first draft of the FY18 Budget.

The Committee and heard the initial budget requests from the principals, SPED Dept., Technology Dept., Athletic Dept, and Buildings and Grounds.

FY 2018 Budget Summary

Contracted Salary Increases All Employees	\$ 1,516,492
Contracted Services, Supplies, Materials & All other Increases	\$ 857,115
Principals and Department Needs Request	\$ 770,500
FY18 Proposed Budget with Needs List	\$ 36,657,567
FY18 Budget Increase with Needs List	\$ 3,144,107

B. Teachers Amy Marino, Katherine Hart and Abby Coleman presented Time and Tides.

V. *Comments from the Public*

The Comments from the Public section of the meeting is an opportunity for members 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.

VI. Matters for School Committee Action

VII. Correspondence and New Business

VIII. Executive Session

Adjourn:

Motion: Mrs. Connolly

Second: Mrs. Moesaa

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Whoriskey

Administrative Asst.

Agenda

FY18 Budget