

**Groton-Dunstable Regional School District
School Committee Meeting
December 7, 2022 - 7:00pm**

Members Present:

Rosanna Casavecchia, Rafael Glod, Jeff Kubick (acting as Chair for the evening), Lacey McCabe, Fay Raynor

Members Absent:

Yasmeen Cheema, Brian LeBlanc

Administration Present: Dr. Laura Chesson, Superintendent; Kristin DeFranciso, Ass't. Superintendent; Sherry Kersey, Director of Finance & Operations

Others: Kristyn MacInnis, SEPAC Representative; Stephen Sierpina, GDRHS Principal; Jill Jarvis, SU Principal

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance - Swallow Union Student Council Students - Abby D., Jyda H., and Kate N.

Students led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked School Committee members a few questions.

Student Representative Report - Abby Burgess, GDRHS

Reported about the Student Council Toy Drive for the month of December. There will be a box in the front commons for anyone to drop a toy into and they will be collecting donations as well. selling Candy Grams to help spread kindness amongst teachers and classmates.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the November 9th meeting.

So Moved - L. McCabe

Second - R. Glod

Discussion - None

All in Favor - Approved 5-0

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the November 16th meeting.

So Moved - L. McCabe

Second - F. Raynor

Discussion - None

All in Favor - Approved 5-0

The Chair entertained a motion to approve 2 payroll warrants totaling \$1,110,825.42 and 7 accounts payable warrants totaling \$1,875,443.21 for a grand total of \$2,986,268.63.

So Moved - F. Raynor

Second - R. Glod

Discussion - None

Roll Call - R. Glod, yes; L. McCabe, yes; J. Kubich, yes; F. Raynor, yes; R. Casavecchia, yes

Motion Approved 5 - 0

Director of Finance & Operations

Recommendation to Approve Year 4 and Year 5 of Custodial Contract - Discussion/Vote

Procurement laws dictate a School Committee vote to approve subsequent years for a contract that extends beyond 3 years.

The School Committee approves extending the custodial cleaning services contract with MP Building Services for Year 4 and Year 5 of the existing contract per the original bid specification.

So Moved - R. Glod

Second - F. Raynor

Discussion -Clarification given on history of contract and specific language.

Roll Call - R. Casavecchia, yes; F. Raynor, yes; J. Kubick, yes; L. McCabe, yes; R. Glod, yes

Motion Approved 5 - 0

Superintendent

Chorus Field Trip - Discussion/Vote

Superintendent and Mr. Sierpina reviewed the list of questions asked prior to the submission of approval of this list. (Included in folder) Dr. Chesson recommended this trip, to the School committee, for approval.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the music trip to NYC for April 27th through April 29th.

So Moved - L. McCabe

Second - F. Raynor

Discussion - Clarification on what happens if a student refuses to be tested before leaving for the trip, also who steps in for the nurse.

Motion Approved 5 - 0

NEWS from the HS. 2 coaches were recognized by the MIAA Coach of the Year

Ann Valacer - HS Para - Coach of the Year for Unified Sports (Basketball)

Bill Kane - Gymnastics Coach also won Coach of the Year

Dr. Chesson and the School Committee extended their congratulations to these two individuals, as well as good luck to the students traveling to NYC for their competition.

Behavioral Task Force / School Culture-Climate - Updates

Dr. Chesson gave an overview of the Behavioral Task Force's work.

The update on behavior included graphs with data from November calls for support by the following:

Level of calls

School

Gender

A mini task force was created at Florence Roche and Marla De La Cruz has been spending more time with this team to help support services. Numbers are up at Swallow Union where an outside consultant and additional support have been hired to assist the staff there. The committee was also updated on where the district stands with training on de-escalation practices.

Overall the committee questioned the use of reporting by gender and felt that not enough detail was given in the data. The next meeting for this group is in November.

The school culture-climate online survey is scheduled to pilot in the next 2 weeks. The instrument was selected and the sample questions were reviewed.

Announcement -

The school committee will be holding a workshop in January with a representative from MA Association of School Committees (MASC) coming to do some training. Topics will include the superintendent's evaluation process.

CIAA Update - Superintendent's Evaluation

The CIAA and Superintendent Chesson worked together to choose the focus of her evaluation:

The focus of the evaluation will be on student learning goals, professional practice goals and district improvement goals.

If the evaluation's are not submitted by the deadline, they will not be included in the summative assessment. If, under the various categories there is an unsatisfactory or needs improvement, or proficient, each category is a point and they will be rounded up or down. 1.49 or lower the score is identified as 1; if the score is 1.5 or higher the score is identified as 2.

Categories were identified:

Std. I - Instructional Leadership

I-B - Instruction

Std. II - Management & Operations

II-A - Environment - Develops and executes effective plans, procedures, routines, and operational systems to address a full range of safety, health, emotional, and social needs.

II-E - Fiscal Systems - Develops a budget that supports the district's vision, mission, and goals; allocates and manages expenditures consistent with district- and school-level goals and available resources.

Std. III - Family and Community Engagement

III-C - Communication - Engages in regular, two-way, culturally proficient communication with families and community stakeholders about student learning and performance.

Std. IV - Professional Culture

IV-B - Cultural Proficiency - Ensures that policies and practices enable staff members and students to interact effectively in a culturally diverse environment in which students' backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges are respected.

IV-E - Shared Vision - Successfully and continuously engages all stakeholders in the creation of a shared educational vision in which every student is prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and become a responsible citizen and global contributor.

The timeline was reviewed. L. McCabe will take care of the write-up of the summative evaluation.

The Chair entertained a motion to accept the recommendation from the CIAA Subcommittee for the evaluation standards for this school year for the Superintendent.

So Moved - R. Glod

Second - R. Casavecchia

Discussion - None

Motion Approved 5 - 0

New Business

R. Glod - The Dunstable Board of Selectmen met and created a new Union Building Committee to look into repairs, costs, etc. Seven individuals will sit on the committee to include both SC reps from Dunstable, the Chair of the BOS as well as the CPC or Historical Commission and Sherry Kersey GDRSD.

F. Raynor shared information on some \$4.5m in grants that will be available through the Investment Recovery Act targeting energy efficiency.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Ann Sivazlian, Secretary

Documents shared:

Agenda

Behavioral Task Force PP

Custodial Contract Information

Draft Minutes 11.9.22

Draft Minutes 11.16.22

Evaluation Docs/Supt.

Music Trip Band/Chorus Docs

Music Trip to Competition Q&A

Music Trip Health Forms

APP'd 12.21.22

Warrant