

**DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Shepherd Hill RHS  
68 Dudley-Oxford Road  
Dudley, MA 01571

**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Moment of Silence**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A. *Minutes of Regular Meetings of Wednesday, December 8, 2021*

A motion by C. Carmignani, second by K. Laferriere to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 8, 2021 meeting was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes

C Kabala – yes

C Carmignani – yes

K Laferriere – yes

There are three abstentions as Jamie Terry, Jeanne Costello and Jordan Evans were not in attendance at the time of the vote.

B. *Minutes of Executive Session of Wednesday, November 10, 2021*

After a discussion between members, approval of the minutes was tabled due to J. Terry being absent after requesting specific changes be made. Approval of the minutes will wait until the next School Committee meeting when all members are present.

**IV. Approval of the Warrant**

The warrants continue to be signed electronically as well as in person. The warrants were distributed among the members without comment or questions.

<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
<b>Warrant #</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>47</b>	\$1,384,927.93
<b>48</b>	\$653,643.63
<b>49</b>	\$113,678.49
<b>50</b>	\$141,113.55
<b>51</b>	\$3,589.68
<b>52</b>	\$115,318.88
<b>53</b>	\$116,639.83
<b>54</b>	\$506,527.83
<b>55</b>	\$640,130.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,675,569.94</b>

**V. Communications**

There are no communications at tonight's meeting.

**VI. Student Representative Report – Mr. Trevor W. Wallace**

The second quarter at SHRHS is ending but with one big change – no midterms to support fairness during these unprecedented times. The last day of the quarter will be Friday, January 21, 2022.

The boys indoor track team defeated Shrewsbury for the first time!

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Shepherd Hill Winter Invitational will be held February 25, 2022.

There have been many opponent cancellations due to the impact of COVID across all schools in the DCRSD but will continue competing through February 2022.

Romeo Holland, Emery Mullin, and Bronson Dubey were named Fall 2021 Telegram & Gazette Super-teen All-Stars.

Friday, January 28, 2022 and Saturday, January 29, 2022 SHRHS will be performing Alice: Wonderland and Glass.

**VII. Mr. David Eisenthal – UniBank – DCRSD Bonds for proposed Capital Projects**

Mr. Eisenthal was unable to attend the meeting and will be invited back in February for his presentation.

**VIII. Superintendent’s Report**

There has been a steady increase in COVID cases in the District since the holiday break and our return to school on January 3, 2022. Changes in state guidelines and regulations now include a shorter isolation period, but the timeline is less clear when symptoms are considered. Five days remains the marker for symptoms.

The plans for the April SHRHS trip to Paris, Florence and Venice remains unchanged. An updated plan will be provided prior to March 1, 2022 if necessary.

Mr. Dylan Piehl, a SHRHS teacher, is a 2022 recipient of the Partners in Excellence Teacher Award from the Mass Insight Education and Research organization and has been recognized for his AP STEM work and English program.

DCRSD received a grant from the commonwealth for the amount of \$9,537 to support homeless students.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority has notified DCRSD that invitations into the Eligibility Period will occur at their March 2, 2022 meeting. If DCRSD is invited, an updated Statement of Interest will need to be submitted.

Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten registration will take place for Charlton Elementary and Mason Road on February 10, 2022 and March 10, 2022.

**IX. Citizens’ Forum**

Timothy Paquette – Dudley

Mr. Paquette claims it has been 133 days since the masking of the district children.

Bonnie Seifert – Charlton

Ms. Seifert believes that Healthcare and Politics don’t mix. She would like to donate the book *The Real Anthony Fauci* by Robert Kennedy Jr to the library.

Colin Humphries – Dudley

Mr. Humphries states we need a comprehensive history curriculum that acknowledges the mistakes of the past and that includes acknowledging that institutional racism is still present.

Jaime Pablico – Dudley

Ms. Pablico continues to ask when the Board will stand up for the community and remove masks from the children.

She does not believe SEL should be a focus and the district should instead focus on academics so they can move forward.

Carroll-Sue Rehm – Charlton

Ms. Rehm claims the Library Review Committee is suspect, beyond a few members. She believes the committee should be thanking the parents, grandparents and business owners for doing the Board’s work for them. She asks why there is still a law officer in the room.

Henry Weiland – Charlton

Mr. Weiland brings suggests adding “students” to Policy IGA as he believes the students provide an invaluable perspective to the District, especially at the High School level.

Caitlin Seaman – Dudley

Ms. Seaman wants to know how the district is teaching adversity when midterms have been cancelled due to student absences.

**XI. New Business**

**A. DCRSD Mask Requirements**

The mask mandate has been extended through February 28, 2022.

**B. Report of the Director of Finance and Operations, Budget and Finance Subcommittee and Capital and Safety Subcommittee - Director Mathieu, Chair Laferriere and Chair Terry**

**1. Donations**

Heritage School received 62 cases of disinfecting wipes and 21 cases of alcohol wipes from Alliance Health and Human Services, Inc.

A motion by C. Carmignani, second by C. Kabala to accept the donation to Heritage school was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes

C Kabala – yes

C Carmignani – yes

J Evans – yes

J Costello – yes

K Laferriere – yes

Dudley Middle school received a cooling tower drive and motor from Renaud HVAC of Sutton, MA.

A motion by J. Evans, second by C. Kabala to accept the donation to Heritage school was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes

C Kabala – yes

C Carmignani – yes

J Evans – yes

J Costello – yes

K Laferriere – yes

The Charlton water project is nearly complete but the completion date needed to be pushed to January 16-22 due to supply chain issues.

The Dudley landfill solar project is ongoing and is projected to come online near the end of 2022. The new program will offer the District a penny off its electric rates, estimating in approximately 10% in overall savings.

2. FY23 – FREC Oil Bid

The French River Education Collaborative is opening the FY23 oil bid on January 13, 2022. The bid window has been extended from 1 hour to 48 hours due to economic changes.

The Districts need to work collectively but, if the price is reasonable, it makes the most sense to lock it in now. If the price change is drastic, which could be expected, its better to reject and go back out for procurement at a later date.

The biggest concern is lack of budget certainty.

C. Report of the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning – Dr. Ackerman

1. January 26, 2022 Professional Development Day

The PD Committee has met multiple times in preparation for January 26 and has arranged for several learning models.

Elementary staff that instruct reading will have a full day with a CKLA Facilitator, while other options include Standards Based Instruction, Strategies for EL Instruction, Stress Management and Self Care for Teachers, Restorative Yoga, Organizing all things Google, Understanding Childhood Trauma in the Classroom, High Leverage Strategies to Including all Students in the Classroom, How to Have Difficult Conversations, IXL Enhancement Strategies, How to Work with LGBTQ Youth and Strategies for Enhancing Technology Use.

2. Update CKLA

All Elementary Educators that instruct reading have now received both the initial PD training and a strengthening session.

January 26, 2022 will provide an additional in person CKLA training session. Staff will gather by grade level and have time to collaborate and plan as a cross-district cohort.

3. Update Viable Curriculum Resources for Middle School Mathematics

The HQIM Math team heard three presentations this past week regarding potential programs for adoption through Savvas, McGraw-Hill and Open Up Resources.

After a fourth presentation from Houghton Mifflin, the team will choose the two programs they wish to pilot. The materials will be based on their standards-based alignment, accessibility to students and skill development to rate the feasibility of the materials presenting

The goal is to pilot the first set by early February to mid-March and the second set by mid-March to mid-April with a recommendation to purchase by April 2022.

4. Update District Level Review Committee

Members of the community that were interested in being a part of the newly established Library Review Committee were chosen at random this past week. The hope is to have a final team established by the close of the School Committee meeting on January 12, 2022.

During discussion amongst the board members, J. Evans was appointed as a voting member of the District Level Review Committee and J. Costello was appointed as a non-voting alternate committee member.

#### D. Report of the Policy Subcommittee – Chair Kabala

1. JKA – Restraint of Students in Public Schools – 2<sup>nd</sup> Read (Amendment)  
The policy is on hold pending a district counsel review per Chair Aucoin.

2. JQ – Student Food Services Accounts – 2<sup>nd</sup> Read (Amendment)  
A motion by K. Laferriere, second by J. Evans to waive the reading of Policy JQ was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes  
C Kabala – yes  
C Carmignani – yes  
J Evans – yes  
J Costello – yes  
K Laferriere – yes

A motion by C. Kabala, second by J. Evans to approve the amendment of Policy JQ was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes  
C Kabala – yes  
C Carmignani – yes  
J Evans – yes  
J Costello – yes  
K Laferriere – yes

3. IGA – Curriculum Evaluation, Development and Adoption – 2<sup>nd</sup> Read (Adoption)  
A motion by K. Laferriere, second by C. Kabala to waive the reading of Policy IGA was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes  
C Kabala – yes  
C Carmignani – yes  
J Evans – yes  
J Costello – yes  
K Laferriere – yes

C Kabala suggests, per a suggestion from a speaker during Citizen’s Forum, to add in “students”.

Policy IGA was sent back to the Policy Review Subcommittee for review.

4. KEC – Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials – 2<sup>nd</sup> Read (Amendment)  
A motion by C. Kabala, second by K. Laferriere to waive the reading of Policy KEC was passed unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes  
C Kabala – yes  
C Carmignani – yes  
J Evans – yes  
J Costello – yes  
K Laferriere – yes

A motion by C. Carmignani, second by J. Evans to accept second read and approve the amendment of Policy KEC was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes

C Kabala – yes

C Carmignani – yes

J Evans – yes

J Costello – yes

K Laferriere – yes

5. BEDH – Public Comment – 1<sup>st</sup> Read (Amendment)

A motion by K. Laferriere, second by C. Kabala to waive the reading of Policy BEDH was passed unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes

C Kabala – yes

C Carmignani – yes

J Evans – yes

J Costello – yes

K Laferriere – yes

A motion by C. Carmignani, second by J. Evans to accept the first read of Policy BEDH was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes

C Kabala – yes

C Carmignani – yes

J Evans – yes

J Costello – yes

K Laferriere – yes

6. BH – School Committee Public Communications – 1<sup>st</sup> Read (Amendment)

A motion by K. Laferriere, second by C. Kabala to waive the reading of Policy BH was passed unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes

C Kabala – yes

C Carmignani – yes

J Evans – yes

J Costello – yes

K Laferriere – yes

A motion by K. Laferriere, second by C. Kabala to accept the first read of the amendment of Policy BH was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes

C Kabala – yes

C Carmignani – yes

J Evans – yes

J Costello – yes

K Laferriere – yes

7. BBAA – Overview of School Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> Read (Amendment)

A motion by K. Laferriere, second by C. Kabala to waive the reading of Policy BBAA was passed unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes

C Kabala – yes

C Carmignani – yes

J Evans – yes

J Costello – yes

K Laferriere – yes

A motion by C. Kabala, second by K. Laferriere to accept the first read of the amendment of Policy BBAA was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes  
C Kabala – yes  
C Carmignani – yes  
J Evans – yes  
J Costello – yes  
K Laferriere – yes

8. BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Read (Amendment)

A motion by J. Evans, second by J. Costello to waive the reading of Policy BDA was passed unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes  
C Kabala – yes  
C Carmignani – yes  
J Evans – yes  
J Costello – yes  
K Laferriere – yes

A motion by C. Kabala, second by K. Laferriere to accept the first read of the amendment of Policy BDA was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes  
C Kabala – yes  
C Carmignani – yes  
J Evans – yes  
J Costello – yes  
K Laferriere – yes

9. IJL – Library/Media Materials Selection, Adoption and Reconsideration – 1<sup>st</sup> Read (Adoption)

A motion by C. Carmignani, second by J. Costello to waive the reading of Policy IJL was passed unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes  
C Kabala – yes  
C Carmignani – yes  
J Evans – yes  
J Costello – yes  
K Laferriere – yes

A discussion ensued about Policy IJL being brand new – it will go to the public for their comments and will come back to the committee for discussion.

A motion by C. Kabala, second by K. Laferriere to approve the first read of Policy IJL was approved unanimously.

P Aucoin – yes  
C Kabala – yes  
C Carmignani – yes  
J Evans – yes  
J Costello – yes  
K Laferriere – yes

**XII. Next Meeting Dates**

**School Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 7:00 PM Charlton Middle School  
**Budget and Finance Subcommittee:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 3:00 PM - Video Conference  
**Policy Review Subcommittee:** Thursday, January 20, 2022, 9:00 AM - Video Conference  
**Curriculum Subcommittee for Teaching and Learning:** TBD – Video Conference  
**Capital Outlay/Safety Subcommittee:** Friday, January 21, 2022, 11:00 AM - Video Conference  
**Executive Session Minutes Review Subcommittee:** TBD

**XIII. Future Agenda Items:** Dudley-Charlton Leadership Council Update (January), Principal/School (January), Student Achievement Report (January), 2022-2023 SY Calendar (February), Mid-Cycle Formative Review Superintendent (February)

**XIV. Adjourn**

A motion by K. Laferriere, second by J. Evans to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by roll call vote at 8:22 PM

- P Aucoin – yes
- J Terry – yes
- C Kabala – yes
- C Carmignani – yes
- J Evans – yes
- J Costello – yes
- K Laferriere – yes

*The items listed, which may be discussed at the meeting, are those reasonably anticipated by the chair. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. The School Committee may vote on all items listed on this agenda*

*“...to advance the knowledge and well-being of our children and our community.”*