

Delmar Board of Education



January 19, 2016  
Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Delmar Board of Education was held on the above date at the Delmar School District. The meeting was called to order by Shawn B. Brittingham, President, at 7:00 pm. Board members in attendance were Farrah D. Morelli, Vice-President, Jason R. Coco and Thomas K. Elliott.

The following administrators were present:

**District Administration:**

Charity H. Phillips, Superintendent  
Jeanette R. Steele, Chief Operating Officer  
Lisa R. Morris, Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

**School Administration:**

R. William Rickard, High School Principal  
Andrew J. O'Neal, Middle School Principal

The meeting commenced with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public attendees included: Sean Maloney, James Davis, Nicole Fooks, Don Fitzgerald, Teresa Addlesberger, Dorie Simpler, Rachel Farris, Shelly Dykes, Brady Knight, Kelci Dykes, Samantha Mitchell, and Michelle Niblett.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Farrah Morelli, seconded by Thomas Elliott and carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the December 16, 2015 meeting minutes was made by Farrah Morelli, seconded by Jason Coco and carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the January 7, 2016 special meeting minutes was made by Thomas Elliott, seconded by Farrah Morelli and carried with a 3-yes [Brittingham, Morelli, Elliott] and 1-abstain [Coco] vote.

A motion to approve the Statement of Budgetary Activity was made by Thomas Elliott, seconded by Jason Coco and carried unanimously.

Sean Maloney, 1975 Delmar graduate, approached the board with concerns about the loss of "mojo." The topics addressed included: lack of orange in school sports teams' athletic uniforms, parking warning notes in posted Tow Zones, requesting student volunteers to help with campus projects, solicitation of community volunteers to help with facility projects, and procedural responses about student discipline. He expressed his desire to conduct business as a unique community and asked that situations be addressed individually. Mr. Brittingham explained to Mr. Maloney that Delmar is not perfect but believes that the administrative team is heading in the right direction. Mr. Brittingham thanked Mr. Maloney for sharing his concerns, noting that some were valid and others were an expression of opinion.

Mr. Jim Davis of Davis Bus, Inc. negotiated the sale of Jerry Workman's bus and requested the board to approve the transfer of Rt. 32 effective June 30, 2016. Mr. Brittingham had no issue with the transfer and would have the formal request added to the February board agenda.

Mr. Davis also reminded the board how important cameras are on school buses. There is currently only one school bus with a camera installed and multiple times the camera has assisted in the disciplinary process of incidents that have occurred on the school bus. Michelle Niblett stated that the Delmar School District is the only school in the state that does not have all buses equipped with cameras.

Brady Knight spoke on behalf of the National Honor Society and Student Government Association about events that included:

- SGA Talent Show
- Winter Sports Updates
- Honor Society Valentine Candy Fundraiser
- NHS/Chorus New York City trip to see Aladdin

Mr. Brittingham welcomed Don Fitzgerald, Wicomico County Board of Education President to the Delmar School District. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that every Wicomico County school bus has video cameras installed.

A motion to approve Business Items 8.1 Personnel was made by Jason Coco, seconded by Thomas Elliott and carried unanimously.

- a. Linda Wagenhals – Retirement effective July 1, 2016
- b. John Cannon – Lunch Duty January – June 2016

A motion to approve Business Item 8.2 Use of Facility request with stated charges was made by Thomas Elliott, seconded by Jason Coco and carried unanimously.

- a. Delmar Pop Warner Awards Banquet & Dance, February 21, 2016, 2pm-6pm - \$250
- b. Delmar Little League Registrations, February 6, 13, 20, 2016, 9am-4pm – no charge
- c. U-13 Lacrosse Program, March – May 2016 – request withdrawn
- d. Foodservice Unit Training, February/March 2016 – no charge

A motion to approve Business Item 8.3 Salisbury University Memorandum of Understanding was made by Thomas Elliott, seconded by Farrah Morelli and carried unanimously.

A motion to approve Business Item 8.4 February 1, 2016 Financial Position Report was made by Jason Coco, seconded by Farrah Morelli and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Steele gave a construction update and informed the board that a meeting was held with the Becker Morgan Group on how to proceed with roofing and exterior repairs to the building. A timeline will be submitted in the next few weeks to Mrs. Steele. Members of the administrative team and Athletic Director, David Hearn, toured multiple athletic facilities throughout the state of Delaware on January 5, 2016 to gather ideas for the new athletic facility. The advisory committee met on January 6, 2016 and design ideas were shared with the architect. Becker Morgan Group plans to have designs completed by mid-February for the committee to review.

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:40 pm was made by Thomas Elliott, seconded by Jason Coco and carried unanimously.

A motion to enter back into regular session at 8:23 pm was made by Thomas Elliott, seconded by Jason Coco and carried unanimously.

A motion to approve/not approve Business Item 8.5 School Choice as follows was made by Jason Coco, seconded by Thomas Elliott and carried unanimously.

Approved:

- a. Paige O'Neal – Grade 5
- b. Djhaela Alexis – Grade 6
- c. Andrew Callaway – Grade 6
- d. Samuel Cummings – Grade 6
- e. Annabella Freeman-Hill – Grade 6
- f. Ross Gorski – Grade 6
- g. Riley McDuffie – Grade 6

Not Approved:

- a. Brianna Pacheco – Grade 5
- b. Annika Price – Grade 7
- c. Mason Washburn – Grade 8
- d. Hanna Gorski – Grade 9

Items for Presentation and Review were discussed with administration and the board of education. Suicide Prevention Policy will be moved to Business Items at the February 16, 2016 meeting.

Holiday cards from other Delaware school districts were shared.

Mrs. Morris reported on:

- Consolidated Grant Audit, January 28 & 29
- Professional Development
- Assessment Calendar Updates
- Blackboard Connect
- Teacher of the Year Nominations

Mr. Rickard reported on:

- Winter Sports
- JDG College Fair
- Staff Member of the Month: Tammy Elliott
- Teacher of the Month: Christy Parsons
- High School Instructional Data/McRel Walkthrough Reports
- High School Discipline Report

Mr. O'Neal reported on:

- Middle School Instructional Data/McRel Walkthrough Reports
- Middle School Discipline Report
- Teachers of the Month: Mark Throm & Andrea Fisher
- Staff Member of the Month: Laura Basch
- Middle School Principal's Album
  - [http://www.delmar.k12.de.us/apps/album/index.jsp#!albumREC\\_ID=99416&s=0](http://www.delmar.k12.de.us/apps/album/index.jsp#!albumREC_ID=99416&s=0)

Mr. Elliott thanked the administration for being ahead of the curve by giving Delmar students opportunities to take the SAT's multiple times throughout high school.

Mrs. Morelli thanked the administration for giving their all to keep our kids and faculty safe.

A motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm was made by Thomas Elliott, seconded by Jason Coco and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Nicole Nichols  
Recording Secretary



Charity H. Phillips  
Executive Secretary