

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of October 7, 2008

Members Present: Ellen Williamson, Chair
Rainie Pearson, Vice-Chair
Beverly Madden
Claire Graham
Richard Robinson
Nate Van Duzer

Also Present: Valerie Spriggs, Superintendent
Richard Mathieu, Business Manager
Denise Lonergan, High School Headmaster
Frederick Randall, Middle School Headmaster
Page Hamilton, Student Representative

1) **Call to Order**

Ms. Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) **Approval of Minutes**

a) Regional School Committee – September 2, 2008

Ms. Madden made a motion to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008. Ms. Graham seconded.

Under **Reports** : bullet one please change **look** to **looking**; bullet two please strike **an** and add a **\$41,000 surplus**; bullet four please strike **in a location to be determined** and add **to be located where the softball batting cages are currently**; first line please change **and** to **an**.

08-51 VOTE: Unanimous

b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of June 12, 2008 and the Dover School Committee minutes of June 17 and September 4, 2008 were noted.

3) **Community Comments**

Two parents spoke of their opposition to the Open Campus Policy.

4) **Reports**

a) Student Advisory Council - Page Hamilton updated the Committee on recent and upcoming Student Council events.

b) Athletic Department Update – Mr. Rollins presented an overview of the Athletic Department to answer questions posed during the athletic study performed by the School Committee.

c) MCAS Overview – Dr. Jackson reviewed the spring 2008 MCAS scores – see attachment.

d) Business Manager's Report

- Finance – The monthly report by function code was provided. The certified FY08 E&D amount is \$892,412 which is just below the highest amount allowed by the State (5% of the operating budget - \$902,132).
- Cafeteria – The cafeteria staff is in the process of upgrading some equipment and adding to the serving infrastructure.
- Administration Building – Mr. Kelley provided estimates of the capital costs associated with updating the Administration building. The committee will review the memo provided and discuss it at the November meeting.
- Building Project – Mr. Rollins and Mr. Mathieu will meet with a company that will install the new lockers this week. The parking lot project is being put out to bid later this month but Mr. Mathieu is concerned that the pricing of asphalt has increased significantly since the original

estimate was given in May. He will bring the bid amount to the November meeting. Mr. Mathieu also thanked the Town of Dover for offering the services of the Town Engineer.

- Mr. Mathieu assured the committee that the school budget monies are held in checking and/or savings accounts at various banks in amounts below the FDIC insured amount.
- e) High School Report – Ms. Lonergan updated the Committee on recent and upcoming events at the High School. The Open Campus policy was discussed. Ms. Lonergan requested permission for an overnight field trip on October 19, 2008.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the SADD overnight field trip in Danvers, MA on October 19th, returning October 20th. Ms. Madden seconded.

08-52 VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Rollins requested acceptance of a \$3,250 gift from the DS Hockey Club to pay for a 15-18 game schedule at a JV level. There will not be any additional costs associated with running a JV program this year – the assistant coach is volunteering his time, there are sufficient uniforms already, and parents provide equipment and transportation.

Ms. Pearson made a motion to accept a gift of \$3,250 fundraised by the Dover Sherborn Hockey Club to be used to establish a JV Boys Hockey team for the 2008-09 school year that would include each athlete being responsible for the athletic fee. Mr. Van Duzer seconded.

08-53 VOTE: 5 – 1

Ms. Kenney presented an overview of the services provided by the Guidance Department.

- f) Middle School Report – Mr. Randall updated the Committee on recent and upcoming events at the Middle School.
- g) Superintendent’s Report – Ms. Spriggs reviewed enclosures provided to the Committee including:
- Bond Reimbursement Issue – Ms. Spriggs has met with the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrators from both Towns. They have asked that the School Committee allow the Towns to address the issues at this time.
 - Technology Director – Interviews with final candidates are scheduled for October 15th.
 - Computer Network Policy for Employees – Ms. Spriggs asked for comments and input on the policy. It will be voted on at the November meeting.
 - MASC/MASS Conference

5) **Special Items**

- a) 2008-09 School Committee Goals – There were a few changes suggested to the goals as presented.
- b) Subcommittee Appointments

6) **Future Business**

- a) November Agenda Items – Administration capital costs, parking lot bids, Computer Network Policy for Employees, School Committee Goals

7) **New Business**

8) **Routine Business**

- a) Enrollments as of October 1, 2008

9) **Adjournment**

Ms. Pearson made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 pm. Ms. Graham seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis