

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of November 4, 2008

Members Present: Ellen Williamson, Chair
Rainie Pearson, Vice-Chair
Beverly Madden
Claire Graham
Richard Robinson
Nate Van Duzer (arrived 7:41)

Also Present: Valerie Spriggs, Superintendent
Richard Mathieu, Business Manager
Page Hamilton, Student Representative

1) Call to Order

Ms. Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Regional School Committee – October 7, 2008

Ms. Madden made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008. Ms. Graham seconded. Under Also Present, add **Page Hamilton, Student Representative**. Under Community Comments, add **“Two parents spoke of their opposition to the Open Campus Policy”**. Under Reports, section a), add **“Page Hamilton updated the Committee on recent and upcoming Student Council events.”** Reports, section c), include handout of MCAS results to minutes. Reports, section d), after \$892,412 add **“which is”**. Reports, section e), change motion to accept gift from DS Hockey Club to read **“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.”**

08-54 VOTE (as amended): Unanimous

b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of September 11, 2008 and the Dover School Committee minutes of September 16, 2008 were noted.

3) Community Comments

Ms. Williamson read a comment from Jennifer Jordan which is attached.

4) Reports

a) Student Advisory Council – Ms. Hamilton updated the Committee on recent and upcoming Student Council events.

b) Business Manager’s Report

- Finance – The monthly report by function code was provided.
- Cafeteria – participation rates remain stable.
- Administration Building – the highest priority for repairs at the Central Administration office is the replacement of windows and doors. The next highest priority is the replacement of the roofing project including the garage then the replacement of the heating system. The Committee discussed the apportionment of these capital costs amongst the school committees and will raise the issue at the next joint meeting of the school committees. The Administration will also look into potentially including the capital costs as Warrant Articles in both towns.

- Building Project – Bids for the parking lot project will be opened on November 7th.
 - FY10 Budget – An additional meeting will be scheduled for December 17th or 19th at 6:30 pm to discuss the budget.
- c) Superintendent's Report – Ms. Spriggs reviewed enclosures provided to the Committee including:
- Technology Director – A new Technology Director has not been hired. Ms. Spriggs has met with Ken Corning to discuss possibilities that will meet the District needs and come up with a solution to support the existing staff. Ms. Spriggs will update the Committee as necessary.
 - Approval of New Courses – Ms. Lonergan submitted a request to approve four new courses, comments/questions between Committee members and Ms. Lonergan are attached. Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve the proposed Web Design and Development course. Mr. Robinson seconded.
08-55 VOTE: Unanimous
Ms. Madden made a motion to approve the proposed Egg Tempara Painting I: Butterflies, Beetles, Fruit and Fish course. Ms. Graham seconded.
08-56 VOTE: Unanimous
Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve the proposed Egg Tempara Painting II: Fur and Feathers course. Mr. Robinson seconded.
08-57 VOTE: Unanimous
The Latin Intermediate II Honors class will be discussed further at the December meeting.
 - Approval of Music Overnight Field Trip – motion to approve the "Cultural Immersion Excursion" to New York City for May 15-17, 2009 by Ms. Madden, seconded by Ms. Graham.
08-58 VOTE: Unanimous
 - Computer Network Policy for Employees – There was discussion about how restrictive the policy should be written. Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve the Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy for Employees with discussed changes. Mr. Van Duzer seconded.
08-59 VOTE: Unanimous
 - Open Campus – Ms. Spriggs recommended leaving the policy as it was approved last year and did not recommend extending to unlimited the use of Open Campus due to concerns with Time in Learning Requirements and the issue of liability. The issue will be discussed further and voted on at the December meeting.
 - Superintendent's Entry Plan – Ms. Spriggs provided her Entry Plan to the members.
 - Dover Sherborn Public Schools Policy Book – motion to work with Mr. Hardy of Massachusetts Association of School Committees to make the Dover Sherborn Public Schools Policy Book current and align it with the handbooks of the regional schools and staff handbooks for a cost not to exceed \$4,000 over the next three years by Ms. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Robinson.
08-60 VOTE: Unanimous

5) Special Items

- a) 2008-09 School Committee Goals – motion to approve the 2008-09 Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee goals by Ms. Madden, Ms. Pearson seconded.
08-61 VOTE: Unanimous
The Committee members discussed how to best communicate with the citizens of Dover and Sherborn regarding the budget in particular. There was also discussion about communication between committee members and between the committee members and the Administration.

6) **Future Business**

- a) December Agenda Items – Latin class proposal, Open Campus policy, FY08 Audit, class size report
- b) 2008 Town Reports – Ms. Graham will write the copy for the Town Report.

7) **New Business**

None

8) **Routine Business**

- a) Enrollments will be provided next month.

9) **Adjournment**

Ms. Pearson made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Ms. Graham seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis