

**Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee Meeting**  
**February 10, 2009**  
**Dover Sherborn Middle School**

**Present**

Ellen Williamson, Rainie Pearson, Bev Madden, Clare Graham, Richard Robinson

**Others Present** Valerie Spriggs- Superintendent, Richard Mathieu- Business Manager, Denise Lonergan –HS Headmaster, Frederick Randall –MS Headmaster, Sherborn Advisory, Dover Warrant

1. **Called to order** at 7pm. Agenda read and included executive session not to return to open session.
2. Ms. Spriggs stated that the FY10 budget was prepared and presented with a focus on education and services to students. Out of District needs were reviewed again. Many thanks to Mr. Randall and Ms. Lonergan for their work on the budget details and suggestions.
3. Mr. Mathieu reviewed the assessments, like last year \$400,000 will be drawn from E&D leaving a \$500,000 balance in that fund. He reminded everyone that annually the Committee and Administration will review the fund balance and use of these funds. A 5% of the operating budget as the E&D balance is our goal and the norm.
4. Reductions to FY10 budget were discussed as presented by Administration. Tier1 being the first group of reductions. Tier 2 as presented and Tier 3 as presented. Concerns expressed included a need to review, as agreed, the stipends at March meeting, student fee structure and policy (to be addressed at a future meeting). **Motion by Mr. Robinson, and second by Ms. Pearson to approve FY10 budget reduction of \$364,965 as presented by the Administration.**  
**VOTE –Unanimous Yes.**
5. 8:45 pm **Motion to go to executive session not to return to open session. VOTE-Ms Williamson-Yes, Ms Pearson-Yes, Ms Madden –Yes, Ms Graham-Yes, Mr Robinson-Yes.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Clare Graham, Secretary