

## Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Meeting of January 6, 2009

Members Present: Ellen Williamson, Chair  
Rainie Pearson, Vice-Chair  
Beverly Madden  
Richard Robinson  
Nate Van Duzer (arrived 7:10 pm)

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 6:30 pm in the Middle School Library.

### 2) Approval of Minutes

a) Regional School Committee – October 14 and December 2, 2008

Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2008. Ms. Madden seconded.

09-01 VOTE: Unanimous

Ms. Madden made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2008. Ms. Pearson seconded.

Under 2) Approval of Minutes, change Mr. Richardson to Mr. Robinson.

09-02 VOTE: Unanimous

b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of November 13, 2008 and the Dover School Committee minutes of November 18, 2008 were noted.

### 3) Community Comments

None

### 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. Mr. Mathieu warned that the facilities and maintenance account would likely run over budget given the recent and anticipated weather.
- Building Project – Mr. Robinson and Ms. Pearson presented the potential projects to be done with the remaining funds from the building project. Mr. Mathieu confirmed that each of the projects fall under the intent of the original bond articles so the proposed Warrant Article to reallocate funds will not be necessary. The projects include: lighting to the back athletic fields, repairs to the High School, repairs to the Administration buildings, repairs to the Astronomy Dome and repairs to the Middle School HVAC system. There was discussion about the prioritization of the projects.

Ms. Madden made a motion to approve lighting of the back athletic fields not to exceed \$40,000, repairs to the High School not to exceed \$30,000 and repairs to the Administration buildings not to exceed \$102,000. Ms. Pearson seconded.

Ms. Madden made a motion to amend the original motion to vote each of the items individually. Ms. Pearson seconded.

09-03 VOTE: Unanimous

Ms. Pearson made a motion to install lighting to the back athletic fields for a cost not to exceed \$40,000. Mr. Van Duzer seconded.

09-04 VOTE: 2 – 3 Those opposed to the motion requested additional information about the impact of the lighting and why it was removed from the original project. Ms. Pearson and Mr. Robinson will report back next month.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve repairs to the High School including replacing stair treads, water fountains, and the wooden stairs to the athletic field for a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Ms. Madden seconded.

09-05 VOTE: Unanimous

Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve repairs to the Administration buildings including: new asphalt roof on both buildings, new windows and doors, replace boiler, repair exterior downspouts dry wells, repair main entrance steps and landing, new kitchen equipment/fixtures, new exterior wall pack security light fixtures, reinstall power to garage and new office AC units for a cost not to exceed \$102,000. Mr. Richardson seconded.

09-06 VOTE: Unanimous

- FY10 Budget – The Administration is expecting to have revenue numbers from the State by the February meeting.

c) Superintendent's Report – Ms. Spriggs reviewed enclosures provided to the Committee including:

- Middle School New Class Schedule – Mr. Randall discussed and answered questions about the pilot schedule at the Middle School.
- High School Class Size Report – provided by Ms. Lonergan
- Assistant Superintendent Update – The position will be posted within the next few weeks.
- Technology Manager Update – One School Committee has not approved the job description for posting.
- Extra Compensatory Requests – Ms. Spriggs presented the recommendations of the Advisory Council.

Ms. Pearson made a motion to approve the stipend increase for the Department Heads to 6.5 from 5.5. Mr. Van Duzer seconded.

09-07 VOTE: 0-3-1, Mr. Van Duzer had additional questions.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to reconsider vote 09-07. Mr. Van Duzer seconded.

Ms. Madden made a motion to amend the 09-07 motion to read: to consider the stipend increase for the Department Heads no later than the March meeting. Ms. Pearson seconded.

09-08 VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the stipend increase for the Recording Studio to 1.5 from 1.0. Mr. Van Duzer seconded.

Ms. Pearson made a motion to hold off voting on the stipend increase for the Recording Studio until March. Ms. Madden seconded.

09-09 VOTE: 4 – 1

Ms. Pearson made a motion to postpone voting on the remaining stipend increases until March so the decision could be made within the context of full budget discussions. Ms. Madden seconded.

09-10 VOTE: 4 – 1

## 5) Special Items

a) Building Project Reallocation: Warrant Article – addressed under Business Manager's report.

- b) School Committee Communication – Committee members discussed the proposed town-wide communication. Ms. Pearson and Mr. Van Duzer will work on a rough draft to present at the Joint meeting on January 27, 2009.
- c) Draft of Town Report – Committee members gave input on the draft of the Town Report.

6) **Future Business**

- a) February Agenda Items – Budget, Building Project, Athletic Department update, assessment tools update

7) **New Business**

None

8) **Routine Business**

- a) Enrollments as of January 1, 2009

9) **Adjournment to Executive Session not to return to open session for matters pertaining to non-instructional contract negotiations at 9:22 pm.**

Ms. Williamson – yea, Ms. Pearson – yea, Ms. Madden – yea, Mr. Robinson – yea, Mr. Van Duzer – yea

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Davis