

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of December 1, 2009

Members Present: Ellen Williamson, Chair
Robyn Hunter, Vice-Chair
Beverly Madden
Clare Graham, Secretary
Richard Robinson

Also Present: Valerie Spriggs, Superintendent
Steven Bliss, Assistant Superintendent
Denise Lonergan and Fred Randall, Headmasters

1) Call to Order

Ms. Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Regional School Committee – November 3, 2009

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2009. Ms. Madden seconded. In section 4b change and to “an” in the fifth sentence. In section 4e, correct spelling of Robinson, add 5 – 0 after 09-58 VOTE and change New York City field trip dates to read May 7-9, 2010 (twice). In section 4g, under improvements to the Administration building correct spelling to stripped from striped and in the final paragraph change first sentence to read “Mr. Robinson provided several options from Woodard & Curran to fix the Middle School over-heating problem.

09-59 VOTE (as amended): 5 – 0

b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of October 15, 2009 were noted.

3) Community Comments – None

4) Reports

a) Student Council Report – Ms. Williamson welcomed the Middle School student representatives to the meeting. Then reviewed recent and upcoming events at the Middle School. Mr. Rich reviewed recent and upcoming events for the High School Student Council.

b) FY’09 Audit Report – Mr. Eggert and Mr. Haines presented the FY’09 Audit Report for the Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools.

Ms. Hunter made a motion to accept the Dover-Sherborn Regional School District annual financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2009 as presented. Ms. Graham seconded.

09-60 VOTE: 5 – 0

c) Business Manager’s Report - Ms. Tague reviewed the standard reports.

- FY09 line item transfers –

Ms. Hunter made a motion to approve the recommendations of line item transfers totaling \$344,182.89 from Function 5200 ER Insurance to the following Functions: 1210 (\$13,031.15), 1410 (\$677.06), 1420 (\$7,440.53), 1430 (\$23,615.67), 2100 (\$8,057.00), 2220 (\$7,286.28), 2310 (\$12,525.88), 2325 (\$37,828.67), 2350 (\$15,174.41), 2420 (\$13,797.01), 2451 (\$48,538.17), 3510 (\$11,638.50), 4110 (\$131,285.56), 5100 (\$12,913.00), 5260 (\$374.00). Ms. Graham seconded.

09-61 VOTE: 5 – 0

- FY10 Monthly Report – Ms. Tague proposed a new schedule for production of the monthly reports to allow for complete and updated information. The November report will be discussed at the January meeting.
- FY11 Budget – There will be an additional meeting on Tuesday December 8, 2009 at 7 pm to discuss the FY11 budget. Ms. Tague briefly reviewed the FY11 budget for the Committee. The draft budget that will be discussed on December 8th has a 6.9% increase over FY10.

d) Middle School Report - Mr. Randall reviewed recent and upcoming events at the Middle School.

- e) High School Report - Ms. Lonergan reviewed recent and upcoming events at the High School. Ms. Lonergan requested permission for an overnight field trip for approximately 35 students on April 9-10, 2010 to participate in the Tufts Inquiry Program. The topic of the program will be Politics, Culture and Conflict in South Asia.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the Tufts Inquiry Program field trip on April 9-10, 2010. Ms. Hunter seconded.

09-63 VOTE: 5 – 0

Ms. Lonergan requested permission for an overnight field trip for 25 students from March 6-10, 2010 to participate in the annual Outdoor Leadership trip. The students will stay at the Camp Lyford Lodge just south of Moosehead Lake, Maine.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the Outdoor Leadership field trip from March 6-10, 2010. Ms. Hunter seconded.

09-62 VOTE: 5 – 0

Ms. Lonergan reviewed and explained several proposed course/curriculum changes to be approved by the Committee.

Ms. Hunter made a motion to approve the revision of curriculum and renaming of Precalculus Level 2 to Precalculus and Applied Topics as presented. Mr. Robinson seconded.

09-64 VOTE: 5 – 0

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the change in course title and description for Advanced Portfolio I and Advanced Portfolio II/AP Studio Art. Ms. Graham seconded.

09-65 VOTE: 5 – 0

Ms. Madden made a motion to approve the addition of Advanced Journalism III to the course offerings and to qualify Advanced Journalism I, II, and III for advanced technology credits. Ms. Hunter seconded.

09-66 VOTE: 5 – 0

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

- Strategic Planning Update – A mission statement has been proposed and is being taken to small groups from the Strategic Planning Conference to get feedback.
- Policy Manual Update – Completed sections will be presented for approval at the Joint/Union meeting in January.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant – The expected proposal from Aquapoint, Inc. and Sterns & Wheeler has not been received. It will be forwarded to the Committee members upon receipt and be discussed at the December 8th meeting.
- Website “facelift” update – a meeting is scheduled for December 4th with a goal to release the new site by the end of February 2010.
- Astronomy Dome update – Bids have been received and are being reviewed.
- MCAS DESE Growth Report – In October the Commissioner of Education announced an additional measure of student performance based on a measure of growth from one year's MCAS performance to the following year. After educators have had time to work with the new data, it will be informative and used within grade levels and schools.
- Extra Compensatory Report – The Advisory Council met on November 17th and recommended the following changes to the Extra Compensatory positions (1.0 ratio for FY11 is \$1,396.02):
 - HS Department Heads (9) - increase by 1.0 to 6.5
 - HS Environmental Club “Down to Earth” – new at 2.0 (two advisors)
 - HS AFS Head – reinstate at 0.5
 - HS MARC Program – new at 1.0
 - HS Student Information Manager/Scheduling – increase by 2.0 to 5.0
 - HS Student Information Manager/Grade Mgmt – increase by 1.0 to 4.0

- MS Sharp9 Big Band Director – change title to Jazz Program Director and increase by 1.5 to 5.0

The Committee discussed the recommendations of the Advisory Council and decided to postpone a vote until further along in the budget discussions.

5) **Special Items**

- a) January Agenda Items – GASB implications, Alumni surveys, budget, Open Campus approval
- b) January Joint/Union School Committee Agenda Items – Policy Manual, Superintendent Evaluation, Budget issues including shared personnel salary increases
- c) 2009 Town Reports – Ms. Graham is incorporating the suggested changes into the draft report she circulated.

6) **New Business** - None

7) **Routine Business** – Enrollments as of December 1, 2009

8) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 9:57 pm by Mr. Robinson. Ms. Madden seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis