

## Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Meeting of May 5, 2009

Members Present: Ellen Williamson, Chair  
Rainie Pearson, Vice Chair  
Beverly Madden  
Richard Robinson  
Clare Graham

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 7:00 pm in the Middle School Library.

Ms. Williamson thanked Ms. Hamilton for her input and participation over the past year.

Ms. Williamson thanked Ms. Pearson for her years of service on the School Committee.

### 2) Approval of Minutes

#### a) Regional School Committee – April 7, 2009

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2009. Ms. Pearson seconded. In sections 2a) Approval of Minutes and 5b) Special items, change Mr. Richardson to Mr. Robinson. In section 4e) Reports, change the number of entertainment centers from 4 to 2.

09-32 VOTE (as amended): 5 - 0

b) The Dover School Committee minutes of March 5, 17 and April 1, 2009 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) Drama Summer Program Update – Mr. Walker will be running a summer drama program again this summer for students in entering grades 7-12. This year's production will be *Seussical*.

Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the Dover Sherborn Summer Program. Mr. Robinson seconded.

09-33 VOTE: 5 – 0

#### c) Business Manager's Report

- Finance – The monthly report by function code was provided.
- Facilities and Maintenance – This year's overage was due primarily to unexpected personnel costs, weekend (overtime) snow storms and issues with the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- HVAC Report – A firm has been hired to study the HVAC system at the middle school.
- FY10 Budget Update – The House has presented its version of the FY10 budget with some dramatic differences from the Governor's budget. One area of concern is Regional Transportation and the Administration will keep the committee posted.

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

- Enrollment Distribution – enrollment numbers will be provided quarterly instead of monthly and the Administration will work on a new, more user friendly format.
- High School/Middle School Reports
- Achievement/Assessment – Individual departments at both schools have been working to broaden assessment strategies beyond the most commonly used measures and to ensure

classes taught by different teachers will offer the same experience. In addition, work continues to be done in collaborative meetings to discuss coordinating the curriculums vertically (K-12).

- Policy Manual Update
- Lindquist Commons Usage
- Cheerleading Club Proposal – will be presented next month.
- Hunt Club request – A local hunt club has requested to purchase an easement along the new practice fields behind the middle and high schools. After researching the issue, the Administration does not recommend selling the easement rights.

5) **Special Items** - none

6) **Future Business**

- a) June Agenda Items – Reorganization, Cheerleading Club Proposal, Waste water treatment plant, goals meeting, budget transfers, Astronomy presentation, School Improvement Plans, Administrators contracts

7) **New Business** - None

8) **Routine Business** – Enrollments as of May 1, 2009

9) **Adjournment**

Mr. Robinson made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 pm. Ms. Pearson seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Davis