

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of October 6, 2009

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

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

1) **Call to Order**

Ms. Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) **Approval of Minutes**

a) Regional School Committee – September 1, 2009

Ms. Madden made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2009. Ms. Graham seconded.

09-51 VOTE: 6 – 0

b) The Dover School Committee minutes of June 16, 2009 were noted.

3) **Community Comments – None**

Agenda revised: next item considered 5d) Sailing Team proposal

4) **Reports**

a) Business Manager's Report - Ms. Tague provided the standard reports. She will continue to work on automating the reports and finding the best way to provide all needed information going forward. Ms. Tague also provided a budget calendar for FY'11.

Ms. Williamson introduced and welcomed back student council representative Jonathan Rich.

b) Middle School Report - Mr. Randall asked for School Committee's approval for the 8th grade trip to Washington DC.

Ms. Hunter made a motion to approve the 8th grade trip to Washington DC including fund raising efforts to reduce costs and scholarship funding for those that need it. Mr. Robinson seconded.

09-53 VOTE: 6 – 0

Mr. Moran went over the Middle School discipline report. Discussion followed.

Mr. Randall made a presentation on the reworking of the curriculum formats and the use of wikis at the Middle School. The wikis are intended to replace the current Middle School website

c) High School Report - Ms. Lonergan reviewed recent and upcoming events at the High School. Mr. Robinson reviewed capital improvements funded through the remaining monies from the building project including maintenance at the Administration Building. The work on the Astronomy Dome will continue over the next few weeks. The evaluation of the HVAC system in the Middle School has been completed and is being reviewed and will be forwarded to school committee members.

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

- Strategic Planning Conference – took place last week and follow up work is being done
- Policy Manual Update – another section has been completed
- Apple Inc. Briefing – Ms. Spriggs will be attending the Apple Executive Education Briefing in Cupertino, CA from Nov 11-13.

Ms. Robinson made a motion to approve the trip of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to the Apple Executive Education Briefing from Nov 11-13, 2009. Ms. Madden seconded.

09-54 VOTE: 6 – 0

- Obsolescence Declaration – Ms. Lonergan requested that the Paso a Paso 2 textbook be declared obsolete.

Ms. Graham made a motion to accept the obsolescence request for the Paso a Paso 2 textbook. Mr. van Duzer seconded.

09-55 VOTE: 6 - 0

- “Day at the School” visit on Oct 16th
- Preventative Maintenance Plan – provided for review

5) **Special Items**

- a) Disclosures by Elected School Committee Members related to School Fees – Ms. Spriggs researched this matter with MASC and the MA General Law. When the School Committee considers a particular matter regarding a general school fee (such as the 8th grade trip to Washington DC) and a member’s child plans to participate, the member must disclose the child’s plans to participate and refrain from voting. When the School Committee considers changing the student fee structure, such as athletic fees, and a child of the member’s family participates, the member must disclose the child’s participation and abstain from voting. When the School Committee considers a fee structure change and the majority of members have students participating in the activity, a hardship waiver is requested, granted and the vote is taken.
- b) School Committee Goals – provided for review after requested changes were made
- c) Scheduling – postponed until November meeting
- d) Dover-Sherborn Sailing Team proposal – The Sailing Team asked for permission from the School Committee to procure three racing boats. There is expected to be approximately 20 sailors on the team this year with only six 420 sailboats from the Sherborn Yacht Club in which to practice. The funds required for this purchase have been secured through Friends of Dover-Sherborn Sailing, an organization run by parents of team members. The new boats would be stored securely during the spring season on Farm Pond beach. The Sherborn Selectmen and the Farm Pond Association have approved this storage from March to May. During the off season, the team will build storage racks at the High School (the Grounds Department has also given their approval for this plan). Ms. Spriggs recommended acceptance of the proposal from the sailing team.

Ms. Graham made a motion to accept the gift of 3 420 sailing boats from the Friends of Dover-Sherborn Sailing when they are purchased. Mr. van Duzer seconded.

09-52 VOTE: 5 – 0 (Ms. Williamson abstained)

6) **Future Business**

- a) November Agenda Items – Preventive Maintenance Plan, student scheduling, MCAS results, teacher evaluation tool, review of graduation requirements (later) , METCO (later)

7) **New Business** - None

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

9) **Adjournment**

Ms. Graham made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Ms Madden seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis