

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of March 2, 2010

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

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

1) Call to Order

Ms. Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the Middle School Library. Ms. Williamson explained that the Budget Hearing has been rescheduled for March 8, 2010.

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Regional School Committee – February 2, 2010

Ms. Madden made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2010. Mr. van Duzer seconded. Add space in Mr. van Duzer's last name.

10-14 VOTE (as amended): 6 – 0

b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of January 14, 2010 and the Dover School Committee of January 19, 2010 were noted.

3) Community Comments – Ms. Barnett updated the Committee on the existence and work of the PTO/Dover Sherborn School Lunch Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee is working with Ms. Janelle Madden to improve the lunch offerings for the children beyond the federal nutrition guidelines.

4) Reports

a) Student Council Report – Ms. Fattore reviewed recent and upcoming events for the Middle School Student Council. Mr. Rich reviewed recent and upcoming events for the High School Student Council.

b) Business Manager's Report -

- FY10 Monthly Report – Ms. Tague provided and discussed the standard reports.
- FY11 Budget – Ms. Tague went over the revised FY11 budget. Since the last meeting operating expenses have been reduced by \$352,185 and there is additional revenue of \$60,000 resulting in an overall increase of 3.98% over FY10.

Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the \$60,000 transfer from two revolving funds and the expenditure reductions of \$352,185 as presented. Ms. Hunter seconded.

10-15 VOTE: 6 – 0

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

d) High School Report - Ms. Lonergan reviewed recent and upcoming events at the High School.

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

- Strategic Planning Update – The action plan is expected to be completed and ready for Committee approval by June 1, 2010.
- Policy Manual Update – Section I has been completed.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant – The engineering plans are being reviewed.
- Lindquist Commons Storage – Additional options are still being pursued.

5) Special Items

- a) School Choice – MA School Choice Law requires the local school committee vote to withdraw from School Choice annually.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to have the Dover-Sherborn Regional Schools withdraw from the School Choice program for the 2010-2011 school year because of space limitations. Ms. Madden seconded.

10-17 VOTE: 6 – 0

- b) Communication – The Committee discussed the budget presentation and how to communicate it to the taxpayers.

- c) Extra Compensatory Stipends – Given the difficulties of next year’s budget, the Administration is not recommending the additional stipends presented by the Advisory Council on Extra Duties.

Ms. Graham made a motion to support the Administration’s decision not to recommend the stipend increases for the FY11 budget. Ms. Madden seconded.

10-16 VOTE: 4 - 2

- d) MASC Day on the Hill

6) New Business

- a) April Regional School Committee Agenda Items – FY11 Budget, Wastewater Treatment update, Lindquist Commons storage update, Technology presentation, Enrollment projections – initial, Middle School heat issue

7) Routine Business

- a) Enrollments as of March 1, 2010

8) Adjournment to Executive Session at 9:15 pm for matter pertaining to contract negotiations not to return to open session.

Ms. Williamson – yea, Ms. Hunter – yea, Mr. Robinson – yea, Mr. van Duzer – yea, Ms. Graham – yea and Ms. Madden – yea.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis