

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

Members Present: Robyn Hunter, Chair
 Clare Graham, Vice-Chair
 Shelley Poulsen, Secretary (arrived at 7:06 pm)
 Richard Robinson
 Ellen Williamson

Also Present: Valerie Spriggs, Superintendent
 Steve Bliss, Assistant Superintendent
 Christine Tague, School Business Manager
 Denise Lonergan and Fred Randall, Headmasters
 Amelia Fattore, High School Student Council representative

1) Call to Order

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

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Regional School Committee – October 5, 2010

Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2010. Ms. Williamson seconded. Under “Members Present” add *Amelia Fattore, High School Student Council representative* and *Numerous members of the Community*. Under Section 3, 6th line down, change over of *of* and 6 lines up from the bottom of the first page, correct spelling of budget.

10-57 VOTE: 4 - 0

b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of September 16, 2010 and the Dover School Committee of September 21, 2010 were noted.

3) Community Comments - none

4) Reports

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

b) SPAN-DS – Ms. Madden and Ms. Krier spoke of the purpose and work of Substance Prevention Awareness Network (SPAN-DS).

c) High School Report – Ms. Lonergan reviewed recent and upcoming events at the High School. Mr. Bourque has requested permission for an out-of-state field trip for approximately 15-20 seniors during the week of March 6, 2010 to participate in the Close-Up Washington DC program. DSHS has participated in the program for the past 6 years which includes participation in seminars, meeting Washington insiders, visiting Capitol Hill, foreign embassies and the Pentagon.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the Close-Up Washington DC program field trip during the week of March 6, 2010. Ms. Williamson seconded.

10-58 VOTE: 5 – 0

Ms. Lonergan requested permission for an out-of-state overnight field trip for 24 students from March 2nd-5th, 2011. The Annual Outdoor Leadership trip provides an opportunity for students to have a unique winter wilderness experience in Pinkham Notch, NH.

Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the Outdoor Leadership field trip from March 2nd-5th, 2011. Ms. Poulsen seconded.

10-59 VOTE: 5 – 0

Mr. Rollins presented the Committee with a request to donate \$3,500 to fund a JV Hockey team. Ms. Graham made a motion to accept a gift of \$3,500 (to be fundraised) for a JV hockey team within the Foxboro JV Hockey League for the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Williamson seconded.

10-60 VOTE: 5 – 0

Mr. Rollins presented the Committee with a gift not to exceed \$5,000 to fund a freshman baseball team.

Ms. Graham made a motion to accept a gift not to exceed \$5,000 for a freshman baseball team for the 2010-11 school year. Ms. Williamson seconded.

10-61 VOTE: 5 – 0

Mr. Rollins presented a proposal for dugouts for the Varsity Baseball and Softball fields for discussion. Mr. Rollins and the Boosters are working on a master plan for the athletic facilities on campus.

d) Middle School Report – Mr. Randall was unable to attend the meeting.

e) Business Manager's Report -

- FY11 Monthly Report – The monthly report was provided. Ms. Tague also provided a report on the cafeteria participation which is down slightly (52% vs 54% this time last year) which is believed to be due to the price increase of lunch.
- Middle School Heating – will be discussed next month when Mr. Kelley would be available to attend the meeting.
- Updated 5 YR Capital Plan – Mr. Kelley provided an updated 5 Year Capital Expenditure Plan as requested last month. There was lengthy conversation about how to go about funding the necessary requests for the maintenance of the schools.
- FY'12 Budget Timelines – Ms. Teague provided a time line for the development of the FY'12 budget. There will be an additional budget meeting on December 14th at 6 pm.

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

- Coordinated Program Review – There will be an upcoming audit of Special Education, Civil Rights, ELE and Title I.
- Regional Posting of Meetings – The agenda can be posted on the website per the Attorney General upon a vote of the school committee.

Ms. Graham made a motion to post future agenda for School Committee meetings on the schools' website per the Open Meeting Law. The agenda will continue to be posted at both Town Halls. Mr. Poulsen seconded.

10-62 VOTE: 5 - 0

- Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan (BPIP) – The BPIP was posted on the website for public comments as required by MA General Law. There was lengthy discussion around the BPIP and suggestions for clarification/improvement. The BPIP will be submitted for approval at the December meeting.
- Superintendent's Goals – The final version of the Goals was presented. They will be approved at the December meeting.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) – There was an informational meeting for Dover Warrant and Sherborn Advisory on October 26, 2010. It was decided the next steps would include a meeting with the town treasurers (November 3, 2010), followed up with a second meeting of the assembled representatives from the two municipalities and the Regional School Committee.

5) Special Items

- a) 2010 Town Reports – Mr. Robinson will write the report.
- b) FY'12 Budget Assumptions – The Committee members discussed their assumptions for the development of the FY'12 budget.

6) New Business

- a) December Regional School Committee Agenda Items – Middle School NEASC review, Middle School Heating, Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan, Superintendent Goals, GASB/Financial Statements

7) Routine Business

- a) Enrollments as of November 1, 2010

8) Adjournment to Executive Session at 9:44 pm for matters pertaining to contract negotiation not to return to open session.

Ms. Williamson – yea, Ms. Hunter – yea, Mr. Robinson – yea, Ms. Graham – yea, and Ms. Poulsen – yea.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis