

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of December 14, 2010

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

Also Present: Valerie Spriggs, Superintendent
Steve Bliss, Assistant Superintendent
Christine Tague, School Business Manager
Denise Lonergan and Fred Randall, Headmasters
Members of Dover Warrant and Sherborn Advisory

1) Call to Order

Ms. Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) FY'10 Town Report – Mr. Robinson presented a draft for the Annual Town Reports of the towns. The Committee offered edits.

3) FY'12 Budget

- a) The draft FY'12 budget was presented and discussed. The draft has estimates for revenue figures, State aid (actual amounts may not be known until June), as well as salary amounts (collective bargaining is ongoing). The Committee requested that the operating and capital items be clearly demarcated in the budget and that the amount of the increase that is enrollment driven be defined. Also, the draft version of the Facilities and Grounds 5 year plan will be added to the website.
- b) Ms. Hunter talked about the responsible use of Excess and Deficiency funds and the advice of the Region's accountant to maintain a healthy E&D account in the event the Region goes out to bond (ex. The Waste Water Treatment Plant fix, refinancing current bonds).
- c) Members asked questions about the numbers in the budget detail including provisions for enrollment increases, contract negotiations (estimated numbers included) and other specific budget line items. Included in the budget is a request for additional 5 FTE's which include 4 FTE's for special education aides, .4 FTE for high school teaching positions due to enrollment increases and .6 FTE for technology support.
- d) There was discussion about the grants given by parent organizations and the school budget impact after the initial grant fulfillment. Ms. Spriggs has been working with the parent organizations to limit the budget impact of the grants awarded.

4) 5 Year Capital Plan and Waste Water Treatment Plant

- a) Capital Items – The School Committee asked for guidance from the Warrant and Advisory Committee as to how to budget for capital expenditures. The School Committee asked for clarification on the items listed in the capital plan.
- b) Waste Water Treatment Plant – The costs of the fixing the WWTP will be separated from the other capital expenditures.

5) Vote of FY'12 Budget

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the FY12 budget. Ms. Williamson seconded.

6) Adjournment at 8:27 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