

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of October 5, 2010

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

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

1) Call to Order

Ms. Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in the Middle School Library. Ms. Hunter noted a change in the agenda to allow the swim team proposal to be heard immediately after the approval of minutes. Ms. Hunter also reviewed the rules and expectations for public comments.

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Regional School Committee – August 10 and September 7, 2010

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2010. Ms. Graham seconded. Under 2) second sentence, change “strategic plan” to strategic action plan worksheet”.

10-52 VOTE (as amended): 4 – 0 (Ms. Williamson and Mr. van Duzer abstained)

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 7, 2010. Ms. Poulsen seconded. Under 5d) second to last bullet point, change HVAC to “Excess Heat”.

b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of June 10, 2010 and the Dover School Committee of June 15, 2010 were noted.

3) Swim Team Proposal – The Athletic Advisory Committee (AAC) recommends an independent swim team for the 2010 season. The AAC feels that running an independent swim team will give the program the best chance to grow, recognizing that expenses would be approximately \$4,500 more than running the cooperative team with Medfield. Several members of the community spoke in favor of accepting the AAC recommendation. Ms. Courtney McCurdy, co-captain of the swim team, spoke of the work of the members over the swim team to garner community support, identify committed swimmers (21 swimmers to date), and fundraise. The swim team has been able to raise \$1,426 in the past ten days. Mr. Rollins, Athletic Director, reviewed the AAC recommendation and answered questions from School Committee members. There was lengthy discussion around acceptance of the recommendation and what that means for the funding of the team going forward as well as additional options that may be more cost effective.

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Athletic Advisory Council for an independent swim team effective the school year 2010-2011, to be reevaluated in the FY12 budget process. The District’s cost shall be the equivalent cost associated with a co-op program as budgeted in the FY11 District budget. Additional costs of an individual swim team shall be fundraised and paid by the DS Swim team members in the amount of \$4,500. Ms. Williamson seconded.

Ms. Poulsen amended the motion to read “to accept the recommendation of the Athletic Advisory Council for an independent swim team for the school year 2010-2011, to be reevaluated in the FY12 budget process. The District cost shall be the equivalent cost associated with a co-op program as budgeted in the FY11 District budget. Additional costs of an individual swim team shall be

fundraised and paid by the DS Swim team members in the amount of \$4,649.” Ms. Williamson seconded.

10-53 VOTE (to amend motion): 6 - 0

10-54 VOTE (on amended motion): 5 – 1 (Ms. Williamson)

4) Reports

- a) Student Council Report – Ms. Fattore reviewed recent and upcoming events for the High School Student Council.
- b) High School Report – Ms. Lonergan reviewed recent and upcoming events at the High School.
- c) Middle School Report – Mr. Randall reviewed recent and upcoming events at the Middle School.
- d) MS and HS MCAS Results – Mr. Bliss provided the results for the spring 2010 MCAS. The results and additional data are available on the school website. Boston.com reported that DS High School was ranked #1 for student results on the spring 2010 MCAS.
- e) Business Manager’s Report -
 - FY11 Monthly Report – The monthly report was provided.
 - E&D 5 YR History – Ms. Teague provided a history of E&D balances and the % of budget numbers as requested at last month’s meeting.
 - Updated 5 YR Capital Plan – Based on the plan, capital plan requests for FY12 total \$173,500 of which \$126,000 are considered priorities.
 - Update on State Funding – pulled due to incomplete information on funding
 - Waste Water Treatment Plant – The process of selecting an engineering firm to design and prepare the bid specification as approved by the DEP for the corrective action plan has been completed by the Evaluation Committee (EC). Three bids were submitted and the EC recommends that the bid from Martinage Engineering Associates, Inc. (MEA) be accepted in the amount of \$78,500. It is possible that \$13,500 of the contract for costs associated with construction oversight will not be incurred. While MEA submitted the highest bid, it is believed that MEA offers extensive experience, excellent relations with DEP and complete familiarity with the proposed system. There was also preliminary discussion around the best way to finance the construction costs of the project.
Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the bid of Martinage Engineering Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$78,500 (\$50,000 for design costs and \$28,500 for construction oversight) for the development of construction documents and construction oversight for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The funds will come from unexpended dollars in the Building Renovation Project account. Ms. Williamson seconded.

10-55 VOTE: 6 – 0

- f) Superintendent’s Report – Ms. Spriggs reviewed enclosures provided to the Committee including:
 - Technology – A list of IT summer projects was provided.
 - MASC/MASS Joint Conference

5) Special Items

- a) Acceptance of 2010-11 Goals –
Ms. Williamson made a motion to approve the 2010-11 School Committee Goals as amended. Mr. Robinson seconded.
10-56 VOTE: 6 - 0
- b) Budget Preparation/Enrollment Trends – The Superintendent and School Headmasters provided and discussed their enrollment projections through 2019-20. The enrollment will start to decline at the Middle School beginning in the 2012-13 school year. According to estimates the High School enrollment will increase from the current 613 students to a high of 740 students in the

2014-15 school year. Additional work and planning will be done to address budgetary, personnel and space implications based on the projections.

c) Heat Issue at Middle School update – will be discussed at November meeting

6) New Business

a) October Regional School Committee Agenda Items – Update on State Funding, Anti-bullying plan, Coordinated Program Review, Budget assumptions and timeline, update on heat issue at Middle School, Audit and OPEB report, Enrollment discussion

7) Routine Business

a) Enrollments as of October 1, 2010

8) Adjournment to Executive Session at 9:56 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, Mr. van Duzer - yea and Ms. Poulsen – yea.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis