

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of October 4, 2011

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

Also Present: Valerie Spriggs Superintendent
Steven Bliss, Assistant Superintendent
Christine Tague, Business Manager
Amelia Fattore, Student Council Representative

1) Call to Order

Ms. Graham called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) 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.
 - Mr. Rollins presented a gift in the amount of \$3,000 for the purpose of hiring an Assistant Coach for the Boys Varsity Soccer Team.
Ms. Balk made a motion to accept the gift from the Boys Varsity Soccer Team in the amount of \$3,000 for an Assistant Coach. Mr. Robinson seconded.
11-53 VOTE: 6 - 0
 - Raytheon Grant – Mr. Jim Baroody was awarded the Raytheon Math Moves U/Math Hero Award (\$2,500) after being nominated by Ms. Emily Czeisler. The grant monies are to be used for innovative and creative ideas to enhance the math program.
Ms. Williamson made a motion to accept the \$2,500 grant from Raytheon to be used for innovative and creative ideas to enhance the math program. Ms. Poulsen seconded.
11-54 VOTE: 6 - 0
- c) Middle School Report – Mr. Randall reviewed recent and upcoming events at the Middle School.

4) Strategic Direction Goals

- a) Goal 1 – Academic Excellence
 - High School Math Presentation – Mr. Baroody
 - Middle School Math Presentation – Ms. Newman, Ms. Bergeron
- b) Goal 2 – Outstanding Teachers
 - Action to Support Teachers – An overview of support offered to teachers was included for information.
- c) Goal 3 – K-12 Effective and Efficient Districts
 - SPED Quarterly Report – Ms. Gross provided an update of her report.
 - Finance – Ms. Tague provided the monthly report.
 - OPEB/GASB 45 Report – The report was provided and will be discussed with the Regional Treasurer and Auditor in December.
 - MOU: Middle School Heat – Mr. Robinson gave background information on the issue of excessive heat at the Middle School. RW Sullivan presented the findings of their study

addressing the heat problem. Option 1 – Large stand alone cooling unit at construction cost of \$880,000. Option 2 – slightly modified version of option 1 (\$840,000). Option 3 – cooling of individual classrooms (\$420,000). Option 4 – modified version of option 3 (\$590,000). Non-air conditioning options were also considered. The MOU Subcommittee recommends option 3 at an estimated total cost of \$681,000. The Committee directed the Administration to include Option 3 in the overall 5 Year Capital Budget plan for the schools for further discussion in November.

- WWTF Update – Phase 1A is complete. The wet test has begun and will continue for the rest of the week. The BANs for the project were awarded to Unibank at an interest rate of 0.90%.
- d) Goal 4 – Technology
- Reorganization – The Technology Department reorganization was approved at the September Joint committee meeting.
- e) Goal 5 – Diversity

5) Special Items

- a) Budget Preparation – Enrollment trends are being analyzed for next month’s meeting.

6) Approval of Minutes

- a) June 7, 2011

Ms. Williamson made a motion of approve the minutes of June 7, 2011. Ms. Poulsen seconded.

11-55 VOTE: 6 - 0

- b) September 6, 2011

Ms. Williamson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2011. Ms. Poulsen seconded.

11-56 VOTE: 6 - 0

7) New Business

- a) November Agenda Items – MCAS, 5 Year Capital Plan, MOU, Enrollment trends

8) Adjournment to Executive Session for matters pertaining to Litigation at 9:58 pm not to return to open session.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis