

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Meeting of January 11, 2011

Members Present: Robyn Hunter, Chair
Clare Graham, Vice-Chair
Shelley Poulsen, Secretary
Richard Robinson
Ellen Williamson
Nate van Duzer (arrived at 7:12 pm)

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 7:00 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Approval of Minutes

a) Regional School Committee – December 7, 2010 and December 14, 2010

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2010. Ms. Graham seconded.

Under Also Present: add Mr. Eggert and Mr. Haynes. Under 4c second sentence, change “reflection surface and” to “*reflective surface or*”. Change the 4th sentence to read “*Mr. Randall and Ms. Weiter have joined the subcommittee. Mr. Randall stated that he feels strongly that the heat issue in the building drastically affects the ability of the teachers to provide a productive learning environment.*”

Under 4e seconded sentence change “of a \$5 increase” to “*to increase*”. Under 4g, first bullet, change the second sentence to read “*DSMS is one of only a handful of middle schools that participate*”. After 4i motion to approve Bullying Plan add “*10-66 VOTE: 6 – 0*”. 5a should read FY12 Budget Assumptions.

11-01 VOTE (as amended): 5 – 0

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010. Ms. Graham seconded.

Under 3b add (E&D) after Excess and Deficiency. Section 5 should read “Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the preliminary FY12 budget to submit to the Town as required by the bylaws. Ms. William seconded. 10-67 VOTE: 6 – 0.

11-02 VOTE (as amended): 6 – 0

b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of November 18, 2010 and the Dover School Committee of November 16, 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) Athletic Campus Assessment and Master Planning – Mr. Rollins presented the proposal from Gale Associates to evaluate the existing outdoor athletic facilities and identify cost-effective ways in which they might be expanded and improved to better meet the School’s needs. The DS Boosters have offered to pay for the cost of the Master Plan. There was discussion and questions about the plan.

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to accept the gift of Dover Sherborn Boosters in the amount not to exceed \$16,000 for an Athletic Campus Needs Assessment and Master Plan. Ms. Williamson seconded.

11-03 VOTE: 6 - 0

c) Dover Park and Recreation Proposal - Ms. Simms discussed the Dover Parks and Recreation Commission’s proposal to allow the Commission to use a cleared but unimproved portion of the Medfield State Hospital land for its youth athletic fields project. The proposal would cede control of the fields to Dover Parks and Recreation. Ms. Spriggs does not recommend approval of the proposal based on MA legislation that states the Medfield State Hospital land may only be used

for school purposes. If the land was/is used for anything other than school purposes, the property reverts to the state of Massachusetts. The Committee encouraged the Dover Park and Recreation Commission to work with the Athletic Department and the Athletic Campus Needs Assessment and Master Plan to come up with a solution. Ms. Poulsen reminded everyone to refer to the land as the Booster's Fields.

- d) High School Report – Ms. Lonergan reviewed recent and upcoming events at the High School.
- e) Middle School Report – Mr. Randall reviewed recent and upcoming events at the Middle School.
- f) Business Manager's Report -

- FY11 Monthly Report – The monthly report was provided.
- FY12 Budget – The towns have been advised of the preliminary figures with the understanding anticipated changes can be expected when updates are provided regarding health care, utilities, salaries and state funding. The Committee asked that the assessment breakdowns for the Town be provided at the February meeting.
- Update of Capital Plan – The capital plan items have been updated.
- Middle School Heat Option – A plan of action is being designed for the hot spring/summer days at the end of this school year. The plan will include collaborative work with the High School. Mr. Kelley has gotten 3 quotes to determine the cost of an engineering study (approximately \$15,000) to determine the cost of installing air conditioning in the Middle School.
- Longevity Requests – The requests were provided.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) – The Request for Bids for the construction of Phase 1 A/B is complete. Already there have been several vendors who have contacted the Administration concerning the project specifications. A legal opinion has been provided by Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge regarding the funding process for the WWTP. Research is being done to see if the towns have interest in an inter-municipal agreement.

Ms. Graham made a motion that should the Towns of Dover and Sherborn choose to enter into an inter-municipal agreement for the purposes of funding the cost of the repairs to the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the Regional School Committee would be supportive of the decision. Ms. Poulsen seconded.

11-04 VOTE: 6 – 0

- g) Superintendent's Report – Ms. Spriggs reviewed enclosures provided to the Committee including:
 - Destiny Online Presentation – Ms. Chase gave a demonstration of the Destiny system which allowed all four schools in Dover and Sherborn to put their library catalogs online and opens additional reference and resources for the students. Ms. Chase also thanked DSEF and its donors for granting the purchase of the Destiny system.
 - Proposed 2011-12 School Calendar – provided for review.

5) Special Items

- a) Acceptance of Town Report -

Ms. Graham made a motion to accept the Town Report as presented. Ms. Poulsen seconded.

11-05 VOTE: 6 – 0

6) New Business

- a) January Joint School Committee Agenda Items – 2011-12 School Calendar, Teacher Contract Presentation, Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee findings
- b) February Regional School Committee Agenda Items – FY12 budget, Boston Magazine Top Schools data presentation (Mr. Robinson), Budget presentation (Ms. Graham)

7) Routine Business

- a) Enrollments as of January 1, 2011

8) Adjournment

Mr. Robinson made a motion to adjourn at 10:09 pm. Ms. Williamson seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis