

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of December 6, 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, HS Student Council Representative

1) Call to Order

Ms. Graham called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.

4) Goal 1 – Academic Excellence

- a) High School Report – Ms. Lonergan reviewed recent and upcoming events at the High School.
- New Course – A new course for advanced guitar, Guitar II, will be offered next year. Ms. Lonergan presented the PE and Health graduation credit adjustment proposal. Programmatic changes to the Physical Education and Health curriculum for the 2012-2013 school year include offering quarterly elective module choices to sophomores, junior and seniors. The modules total 16 elective offerings. The proposal was discussed.

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to approve the Physical Education and Health programmatic changes as outlined in the School Committee packet for the December meeting. Ms. Williamson seconded.

11-65 VOTE: 6 - 0

- Acceptance of Gift – Ms. Lonergan presented a gift from DSEF of \$1,400 to defray the cost of Dr. Goldstein's visit.

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to accept the gift of \$1,400 from DSEF towards the cost of Dr. Goldstein's visit. Ms. Williamson seconded.

11-66 VOTE: 6 - 0

- b) Middle School Report – Mr. Randall reviewed recent and upcoming events at the Middle School.

5) Goal 2 – Outstanding Teachers

- a) Professional Development Day – Mr. Bliss gave a review of the work done during the district professional development day on November 28th.

6) Goal 3 – K-12 Effective and Efficient Districts

- FY11 Audit Report/OPEB – Mr. James Eggert, District Treasurer, and Mr. Daniel Hayes, Auditor, presented the audit report and discussed the OPEB obligations of the District. Ms. Poulsen made a motion to approve the Annual Financial Statements and Management Letter for the year ended June 30, 2011. Ms. Hunter seconded.

11-66 VOTE: 6 - 0

- Finance – Ms. Tague provided the monthly report.

- WWTF Update – Martinage Engineering Associates, Inc. has updated the DEP on the progress at the WWTF. Phase 1A has been completed and testing is also complete. The upgrade in Phase 1A is producing a satisfactory nitrified waste. The Administration recommended proceeding with Phase 1B.
- 5 Year Capital Plan – was provided for review. Ms. Spriggs asked that questions be directed to her via email for further discussion in January.
- Extra Compensatory Requests – The Advisory Council provided their recommendations for Extra Compensatory Stipend changes. There was discussion about the recommendations.
- FY13 Budget – The first draft of the budget was provided for review and discussion. The total for FY13 is \$20,896,336 which represents a \$760,389 or 3.78% operating budget increase over FY12. The draft budget detail is available on www.doversherborn.org.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to send the draft FY13 Budget as presented to the Towns of Dover and Sherborn. Ms. Poulsen seconded.

11-67 VOTE: 6 - 0

- Capital Plan Policy – will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

7) Goal 4 – Technology

8) Special Items and New Business

a) RSC Committee for MS Heat Issue –

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to provide a notice of intent to the Towns of Dover and Sherborn for FY13 warrant article placeholders to address the Middle School heat issues (fan array at \$60,000 and air conditioning for 5 classrooms at \$15,000 each) as voted at the November 9th meeting. Ms. Williamson seconded. Mr. Robinson reiterated his opposition to what in his opinion is only a partial solution to the problem.

11-68 VOTE: 4 – 1 (Mr. Robinson) – 1 (Ms. Balk)

b) Capital Working Group

c) January Agenda Items – OPEB options, HR system detail, 5 year capital plan, FY13 Budget including E&D, Extra Compensatory, Capital Policy, MS Heat and Calendar MOU’s

d) Town Reports

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the 2011 Town Report copy. Ms. Hunter seconded.

11-69 VOTE: 6 - 0

9) Approval of Minutes

a) November 1 and 9, 2011

Mr. Robinson made a motion of approve the minutes of November 1, 2011. Ms. Poulsen seconded. Under 7a, first bullet: change of to “to”.

11-70 VOTE (as amended): 6 - 0

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2011. Ms. Poulsen seconded.

11-71 VOTE: 6 - 0

a) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of October 13, 2011 and the Dover School Committee minutes of October 17, 2011 were noted.

10) Adjournment to Executive Session for matters pertaining to Custodial Contract and Litigation at 10:47 pm not to return to open session.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis