

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of November 1, 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 7:01 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Community Comments – Jim Campbell, member of Save Our Sherborn, asked for microphones and/or loudspeakers at the meetings so the audience can hear. He also asked for additional information about SPED Out of Districts costs, specifically how many students are covered in both Dover and Sherborn as well as what is being done to manage those costs.

3) Superintendent's Award – Ms. Spriggs congratulated Ms. Clara Freeman and Mr. Matt Heinlein for receiving the Superintendent's Award for 2011-12.

4) Reports

- a) Student Council Report – Mr. Randall introduced this year's Middle School Student Council representative, Mr. Steven Cone, who reviewed recent and upcoming events for the Middle School Student Council. 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) Goal 1 – Academic Excellence
 - High School Language Arts Presentation – Mr. Potts
 - MCAS – Mr. Bliss reviewed the High School and Middle School MCAS reports which are available on the DS website under the Assistant Superintendent's page.
 - Class Size Report – the reports were provided and discussed.
 - Acceptance of Gifts –
 - (1) Boys Ice Hockey Uniforms – the Dover Sherborn Hockey Club is donating \$6,800 for 50 (25 home and 25 away) uniforms to replace the ones donated in 2007.
 - (2) Boys JV Ice Hockey Team – the Dover Sherborn Hockey Club is donating \$5,500 to pay the fee to join the FSC Junior Varsity High School League and to pay a coach.
 - (3) Boys Football Assistant Coaches – the Gridiron Club has donated \$11,900 to compensate coaches who helped the football program this year.
 - (4) Field Hockey Team – the DS Field Hockey team has donated \$1,000 to pay for an assistant coach.
 - (5) Varsity Football Team – the Gridiron Club has donated a tackling sled valued at \$1,000.
- Ms. Williamson made a motion to accept the gifts of uniforms for the Boys Ice Hockey team, funding for the Boys JV Hockey team, assistant coach for the Field Hockey team, Football Assistant coaches and a tackling sled as detailed in the October 26th memo from Mr. Rollins. Ms. Balk seconded.

11-57 VOTE: 5 – 0 (Mr. Robinson was not in the room for the vote but is in favor)

(6) PTO Gift: \$250 to defray costs of Dr. Sam Goldstein's workshops on the November 28th Professional Development day.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the gift of \$250 from the PTO to defray the cost of Dr. Goldstein's visit. Ms. Williamson seconded.

11-58 VOTE: 6 – 0

(7) PTO Gift: \$2,100 to defray costs of Dr. Michael Fowlin's assembly in December.

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to accept the gift of \$2,100 from the PTO to defray the cost of Dr. Fowlin's visit. Ms. Williamson seconded.

11-59 VOTE: 6 – 0

- Field Trips –

(1) Project Close Up in Washington DC – Week of March 11, 2012

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the Project Close Up trip to Washington DC the week of March 11, 2012. Ms. Poulsen seconded.

11-60 VOTE: 6 – 0

(2) Winter Leadership Trip – February 29 – March 3, 2012

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the Winter Leadership trip from February 29 – March 3, 2012. Ms. Williamson seconded.

11-61 VOTE: 6 – 0

(3) Music Trip – May 25-27, 2012

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the high school music trip to New York City from May 25-27, 2012. Ms. Williamson seconded.

11-62 VOTE: 6 – 0

(4) MS Trip to Washington DC – May 30 – June 1, 2012

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the middle school trip to Washington DC or Boston from May 30 – June 1, 2012. Ms. Williamson seconded.

11-63 VOTE: 6 – 0

5) Strategic Direction Goals

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

- Finance – Ms. Tague provided the monthly report.
- 5 Year Capital Plan – Mr. Kelley has met with Ms. Tague and reviewed projected needs. Mr. Kelley was not able to attend the meeting due to the power problems at Chickering. Ms. Poulsen made a motion to bring the 5 Year Capital Plan to the Facilities and Grounds subcommittee for information gathering and discussion prior to the December Regional School Committee meeting.

11-64 VOTE: 3 – 3, motions fails

- WWTF Update – The work for Phase 1 has been completed and testing will begin for the designated time to determine the effectiveness of the installation of the larger tank and completion of Phase 1.
- Middle School AC – The consultants have provided the figures for doing the AC project in phases: \$210,000 for foyer and 4 classrooms upstairs, \$300,000 for remainder of 2nd floor, \$300,000 for remainder of 1st floor for a total of \$810,000 vs \$681,000 to do the project all at once. The Committee decided to have an additional meeting to discuss the issue further.

b) Goal 4 – Technology

- Technology Plan – first reading provided for comments (email to Ms. Spriggs)

6) Special Items

- a) FY13 Budget Assumptions – Ms. Graham provided a first pass at the budget assumptions.
- b) Capital Working Group – This group has worked together to improve previous procedures between the two Towns and the Regional School District. Robyn Hunter and Richard Robinson are the Regional representatives to this Committee. The Dover Sherborn Regional School Capital Plan Protocol draft dated October 17, 2011 was provided for review and discussion.

7) Approval of Minutes

- a) October 4, 2011
 - Ms. Williamson made a motion of approve the minutes of October 4, 2011. Ms. Poulsen seconded.
Under 4c, 4th bullet, add the following to the end of the second to last sentence *“(Option 3 base cost \$420,000, fan array system for Atrium \$60,000, design costs \$48,000, electrical controls \$105,000 and contingency fee \$48,000).”* Also, change last sentence to read *“The Committee plans further discussion in November.”*
11-65 VOTE: 6 - 0
- b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of September 15, 2011 and the Dover School Committee minutes of September 19, 2011 were noted.

8) New Business

- a) December Agenda Items – preliminary FY13 budget, GASB45 report, Audit report, 5 Year Capital Plan, Capital Working Group
- b) 2011 Dover and Sherborn Town Reports

9) Motion to adjourn at 10:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis