

DOVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2012

Members Present: Carolyn Ringel, Chairperson
Tim Caffrey
Lauren Doherty
Dawn Fattore
Karl Johnson

Also Present: Valerie Spriggs, Superintendent
Steven Bliss, Assistant Superintendent
Christine Tague, School Business Manager
Dr. Theresa Nugent, Principal
Renee Grady, DSEA
Dr. Deb Reinemann, Assistant Principal
Cheryl Chase, Librarian

1. Call to order

Ms. Ringel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Chickering School Library.

2. FY '13 Dover Public Schools Budget Hearing

Ms. Ringel offered to take questions, none were identified.

3. Approval of Minutes

a) Dover School Committee:

- Ms. Ringel requested a motion to accept the February 13, 2012 minutes. Ms. Fattore motioned, Mr. Johnson seconded. Corrections:
- Page 2, Special Education Conversation, 6th bullet: the services listed on slide 9 ~~wouldn't~~ *couldn't* go....
- Page 2, Special Education Conversation, 14th bullet:, Ms. Ringel stated she *would not want to do anything to detract from what the DS High School that it would be better to have a Guidance Department offers like a private school,*
- Page 3, Policy Recommendation on Classroom Aide Ratios, 2nd bullet: strike the first sentence
- Page 3, Policy Recommendation on Classroom Aide Ratios, 5th bullet: Ms. Ringel agreed. ~~spoke of there being no interruption to the teaching in terms of making sure the days are valuable.~~
- Page 4, Extra Compensatory Requests, 5th bullet:going to the Middle and High School *choral programs*; ...
- Page 4, Extra Compensatory Requests, 10th bullet:without additional compensation; *perhaps she feels* we should recognize it...
- Page 4, Extra Compensatory Requests, 11th bullet:Ms. Ringel stated that *perhaps* we should look at before school programs and if they ~~should~~ *could* be self sustaining.

Vote 12-05: Unanimous

- Ms. Ringel requested a motion to accept the March 1, 2012 minutes. Ms. Doherty motioned, Mr. Johnson seconded. **Vote 12-06: Unanimous**

b) Ms. Ringel noted the Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee minutes of February 16, 2012.

c) Ms. Ringel noted the Sherborn Regional School Committee minutes of February 9, 2012.

3. Community Comments – None

4. Reports

- a) The PTO Report was provided by Ms. Gramer.
- b) Subcommittee Reports -- None

5. Strategic Direction Goals

- a) Goal 1 – Academic Excellence

Principal's Report:

- Dr. Nugent referred the Committee to her written report.
- An update on the World Language program was provided. A proposal will be brought forward in the fall for DSC review and inclusion in the FY '14 budget.

- Ms. Ringel stated that ideally everyone would be on the same page with the World Language Program, but the Dover School Committee is most concerned about protecting Dover's interests.

Grade 4 Report

- The report was presented by Ms. Atkinson and Mr. Keohane. A copy of the presentation was included in the DSC packet.

b) Goal 3 -- K-12 Effective and Efficient Districts

FY '12 Budget Update:

- Ms. Tague reviewed her report with the Committee.
- Ms. Spriggs stated that we would want to pass the request along to Warrant and Capital Committees before spending these funds.
- Ms. Ringel requested a motion to approve the request of the Building Department of \$45,600 to be taken from the FY '12 surplus. Ms. Fattore motioned, Mr. Johnson seconded. **Vote 12-07: Unanimous**

FY '13 Capital Budget

- Ms. Ringel requested a motion to accept the revised FY '13 Capital Budget. Mr. Caffrey motioned, Mr. Johnson seconded. **Vote 12-08: Unanimous**

FY '13 Budget Update:

- Ms. Ringel requested a motion to accept the revised FY '13 budget of \$ 8,355,454. Mr. Caffrey motioned, Ms. Fattore seconded. **Vote 12-09 Unanimous**

5. Special Items/New Business

a) School Choice Program – Ms. Spriggs

- Ms. Ringel requested a motion to withdraw from the program for the 2012-2013 school year because of space limitations. Mr. Caffrey motioned, Ms. Fattore seconded. **Vote 12-10: Unanimous**
- Ms. Spriggs provided an update on the number of students by grade that are on IEP's. The information will be posted online.

b) Superintendent's Evaluation – Ms. Ringel

- Ms. Ringel stated that the evaluation was due today. The next step is to have them assembled into one document. The next meeting of all the committees is April 9th.

6. Future Business

- a) April Dover School Committee Agenda Items: RIF process, 5th grade presentation, Surplus budget request from Dr. Nugent, Classroom Aide Policy.
- b) Future meeting: Mr. Caffrey asked if at a future meeting if we could have the middle school provide information on how well prepared our kids are for middle school.
- c) May 14th meeting to be moved to Tuesday May 15th at 6:30pm.

7. Routine Business

- a) Enrollments as of March 1, 2012—reports included in packet.

- 8. Adjournment**—Ms. Ringel polled the Committee to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel contracts, not to return to open session. Ms. Ringel—yes, Ms. Fattore—yes, Ms. Doherty—yes, Mr. Caffrey—yes, Mr. Johnson--yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deb Savastano