

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of February 7, 2012

Members Present: Clare Graham, Chair
Shelley Poulsen, Vice-Chair
Ellen Williamson
Robyn Hunter
Richard Robinson
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 7:05 pm in the High 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.
- Social Studies Curriculum presentation - Mr. Hickey
 - Program of Studies – The Program of Studies was updated. The new program clarifies the difference between current offerings and those courses approved by the Academic Standards Committee but not offered.
 - Swim Team Renewal – Mr. Rollins requested permission for the renewal of the swim team which was not done in the fall. Ms. Spriggs also requested approval of a transfer in the amount of \$5,403 to complete funding of the 2011-12 season due to miscommunication around the full funding of the team. The Administration requested approval of the Varsity Swim Team going forward and the corresponding funding necessary.

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to approve the Varsity Swim Team for the 2011-12 season. Mr. Robinson seconded.

12-08 VOTE: 6-0

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to approve funding for Varsity Swim Team for the 2011-12 season in the amount of \$10,681 and a transfer from the Superintendent's Reserve Fund of \$5,403 to complete the funding for the 2011-12 season.

12-09 VOTE: 6 - 0

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to approve the Varsity Swim Team based on the large number of swimmers. Ms. Williamson seconded.

Ms. Williamson suggested amending the motion to remove the reference to the number of swimmers.

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to approve a Varsity Swim Team at the high school. Ms. Williamson seconded.

12-10 VOTE (on amended motion): 6 – 0

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to approve the funding in the proposed FY13 budget for the Varsity Swim Team which increases current funding in the budget by \$5,403. Ms. Williamson seconded. There was concern about voting approval for only a piece of the proposed FY13 budget.

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to rescind the previous motion. Ms. Williamson seconded.

12-11 VOTE: 6 - 0

- b) Middle School Report – Mr. Randall reviewed recent and upcoming events at the Middle School.
- c) Out of District Grade 6 to Age 22 – An update on the OOD funding was provided and discussed.

5) Goal 2 – Outstanding Teachers

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

- SPED Report – The Administration and Special Education Administrators presented their research that had led them to consider a possible re-organization of the three districts' special education departments. The model believed to best meet the needs of the district would involve a Student Services Director who would oversee special education and other student services centered departments (Nurses, Title I, ELL, Wellness program). Ms. Spriggs asked for direction from the Committee before she and the SPED Administrators continue their work with the Student Services model. There was discussion and comments from the audience. The Committee approved additional work on the plan.
- Finance –
 - i. FY12 Budget - The monthly report was provided. Ms. Tague was not able to attend the meeting.
 - ii. FY13 Budget – the itemized changes to date were provided.
 - iii. February 16th Meeting with Advisory and Warrant Committees
 - iv. Five Year Capital Plan Funding - Mr. Kelley reviewed the items recommended for purchase/repair for FY13. The Committee discussed his proposed items and how much to allocate to the FY13 budget.
 - v. After School Activity Audit – Ms. Lonergan and Mr. Randall provided an audit of after school activities including number of participating students and advisors.
 - vi. Extra Compensatory Requests – Ms. Spriggs brought forward again the recommendations of the Advisory Council for Extra-Compensatory requests totaling \$8,376. It was suggested that Nordic Ski Team could fundraise for Assistant Coach as other teams do and other teams have unpaid assistants. Ms. Poulsen made a motion to approve the Middle School and High School MARC Advisors as recommended. Ms. Hunter seconded.
12-13 VOTE: 4 – 2 (Ms. Williamson, Mr. Robinson)

7) Goal 4 – Technology

- a) Technology Department Reorganization – a spreadsheet on Technology Hardware Inventory was provided

8) Special Items and New Business

- a) Concussion Management Policy – The draft policy which was provided at a previous meeting and discussed at this meeting. Inserted in the Protocol section shall be “require appropriate annual training”, spelling errors to be corrected and last section, #5 to change from will to may; include 6) notification to parents.
Mr. Robinson made a motion to the Concussion Management Policy incorporating the changes (and typos) as discussed. Ms. Poulsen seconded.
12-12 VOTE: 6 - 0
- b) Middle School Heat –There was discussion to table the original motion regarding fan array system and providing air conditioning to some rooms.

Motion by Ms. Poulsen and second by Ms. Hunter to table the original DSMS cooling motion for an array fan and air conditioning for 5 classrooms.

12-14 VOTE: 5-1 (Ellen Williamson)

There was discussion on how to move forward with the issue. Members agreed on language in the following motion. Ms Spriggs is to identify where in the FY12/13 budgets the funds can be found to pay for the design documents.

Motion by Ms. Poulsen and second by Ms. Hunter for the Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee (RSC) to authorize an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the purpose of designing construction bid documents to fully air condition the Dover Sherborn Middle School building. The design would be based upon the outline as proposed in the feasibility study by RW Sullivan. Pricing would be based on the full project and phased alternative (s).

The RSC charges a subcommittee to have oversight of the RFP process and bring forward to the RSC in the fall 2012 recommendations to consider and approve. This committee will be comprised of representation of the RSC, DS administration and the towns.

12-15 VOTE: 4-2 (Lauren Balk, Ellen Williamson)

It was discussed that Ms. Hunter would Chair the committee with Mr. Robinson as RSC representative and Irene Wieder from the Middle School.

- c) Capital Policy –deferred due to late hour
- d) March DS Regional School Committee Agenda Items – FY13 Budget Hearing and Certification, WWTF update, Gale Update

9) Approval of Minutes

- a) January 10 and 19, 2012

There was a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2012.

12-16 VOTE: 6 - 0

There was a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2012.

12-17 VOTE: 6 - 0

- a) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of December 15, 2011 and the Dover School Committee minutes of December 19, 2011 were noted.

10) Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis