

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of October 2, 2012

Members Present: Shelley Poulsen, Chair
Richard Robinson, Vice Chair
Ellen Williamson
Lauren Balk
Dana White
Michael Lee

Also Present: Valerie Spriggs Superintendent
Steven Bliss, Assistant Superintendent
Christine Tague, Business Manager
Briana Borghi, HS Student Council Representative

1) Call to Order

Ms. Poulsen called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Community Comments – none

3) Reports

- a) Student Council Report –Ms. Borghi was introduced and welcomed as the Student Council Representative. She updated the Committee on recent and upcoming events.
- b) SPED Quarterly Report – Mr. Schimmel provided and discussed the quarterly report for the Special Education Department including staffing changes and department goals for the year.

4) Goal 1 – Academic Excellence

- a) High School Report – Ms. Lonergan reviewed recent and upcoming events at the High School.
 - The Alan Thayer Mudge Memorial Fund has donated \$36,500 for a new lighting console, color scrollers and LED Cyc-white backdrop lighting fixtures.Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the donation in the amount of \$36,500 for lighting upgrades to the Mudge Auditorium. Ms. Balk seconded.
12-54 VOTE: 6 - 0
- b) Middle School Report – Mr. Randall reviewed recent and upcoming events at the Middle School.
 - Ani Gigagian on behalf of the Joseph Almasian Memorial Fund has donated \$1,100 for the purchase of a tenor saxophone for the middle school music program.Ms. White made a motion to accept the gift of \$1,100 for a tenor saxophone. Ms. Williamson seconded.
12-55 VOTE: 6 - 0

5) Superintendent's Update – Ms. Spriggs will be traveling with Ms. Vizulis to China from October 12 – 21, 2012.

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

- a. Finance – Ms. Tague provided the monthly reports for discussion.
- b. Capital Needs Assessment – The plan was received yesterday and will be presented to the Committee at the November meeting.

7) Special Items and New Business

- a) Budget Sense Presentation – Mr. Quinn of Tyler Technology discussed the rationale for purchasing human resources and payroll software. Payroll is currently outsourced (\$10,000/year) and HR is done in-house. The cost of the software is \$39,950 for both packages. A detailed proposal summarizing the benefits of the software is available on www.doversherborn.org, DS Regional School Committee Packet October 2, 2012 beginning on page 20. There was discussion about how to pay for the software modules.
Ms. Williamson made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for payroll software from Tyler Technologies to be paid for in the FY '13 budget with \$7,000 from savings in the

Finance Department and \$12,000 from the Superintendent's Fund and an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000 for human resource software from Tyler Technologies to be leased over a two year period starting in FY '14 with the possibility of reimbursement of 25% of the cost (approximately \$5,000) from each of the local school districts. Ms. White seconded.

12-53 VOTE: 5 – 1 (Mr. Lee)

- b) Middle School Heat Update – Ms. Hunter and Mr. Robinson spoke of the rationale for the installation of air conditioning to the middle school and updated the audience of the work done to mediate the heat problem in the building without adding air conditioning that has not sufficiently solved the problem. Mr. Beck of BLW Engineering was present to answer questions about the proposal to implement air conditioning.

Mr. Robinson made a motion for the School Committee to approve the project for bid as presented and to direct the Administration to bid the project. Ms. Williamson seconded.

After further discussion Mr. Lee made a motion to amend the previous motion so that the motion reads: Mr. Lee made a motion for the School Committee to approve the project for bid as presented with the addition of a second alternate bid for costs to air condition the 1st floor in the summer of 2014 and to direct the Administration to bid the project. Ms. White seconded.

12-56 VOTE to amend the motion: 6 – 0

12-57 VOTE on amended motion: 6 – 0

- c) Review and Approve School Committee 2012-13 Goals – Minor changes were pointed out for discussion.

Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the School Committee Goals for 2012-13. Mr. Robinson seconded.

12-58 VOTE: 6 – 0

- d) Sleep Deprivation Information – Mr. Richardson presented information (available as part of the Oct 2nd School Committee packet on www.doversherborn.org on teenage sleep deprivation in response to a letter to the School Committee from a student, Mark Czeisler, suggesting that the school day begin later. The Committee discussed options including forming a subcommittee to study the impact and feasibility of changing the start time at the middle school and high school. This item will be discussed with the local school committees at the Joint meeting on October 23rd.
- e) High School Field Update – The turf field dedication will be held on October 6th at halftime of the football game.
- f) November Agenda Items – Sleep Deprivation update, Capital Assessment Plan presentation, FY14 Budget Assumptions
- g) Joint meeting (10/23/12) Agenda Items – Sleep Deprivation

8) Approval of Minutes

- a) August 30 and September 4, 2012

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of August 30 and September 4, 2012. Ms. Williamson seconded. In the September 4th minutes, 5g), 1st sentence: add “at the time” to the end of the sentence.

12-59 VOTE (as amended): 6 - 0

- b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of June 14, 2012 and the Dover School Committee minutes of June 18 and August 14, 2012 were noted.

9) Routine Business

- a) Enrollments as of October 1, 2012

10) Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis