

Dover Warrant Committee

Minutes of the October 17, 2012 meeting

Members in attendance: Andrew Waugh, James Stuart, John Cone, Maureen Arkle, Brooks Gerner, Kathy Gill-Body, Robert Cocks

Non-members in attendance: Jim Dawley (Dover Selectman), Dawn Fattore (Dover School Committee), Tim Caffrey (Dover School Committee), Christine Tague (Business Manager – Dover Sherborn Public Schools), Shelley Poulsen (DS Regional School Committee), Richard Robinson (DS Regional School Committee), Robyn Hunter (Dover resident, former DS Regional School Committee member)

Location: Dover Town House

Mr. Waugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Cocks made a motion, second by Ms. Gill-Body, to approve the Minutes of the October 3 meeting. Approved 7-0.

Ms. Fattore led a presentation of the FY12 actual versus budget financials for the Chickering School. Ms. Fattore and Ms. Tague responded to questions throughout the discussion. Topics included the SPED costs and the FY12 Circuit Breaker reimbursement from the Commonwealth.

Ms. Fattore gave a brief introduction of the FY13 Budget and also spoke of the Dover School Committee's strong desire to introduce World Languages (Spanish) to Chickering beginning in FY14. The program would be rolled out beginning in the kindergarten class with subsequent grades included in the following years.

Mr. Waugh, capturing the sentiment of the entire Warrant Committee, expressed his gratitude to the Dover School Committee and Ms. Tague for their presentation and in particular the details in the material shared with the Warrant Committee.

Ms. Poulsen, with assistance from Mr. Robinson and Ms. Hunter, led a presentation on the Dover Sherborn Middle School (DSMS) air conditioning proposal. Mr. Robinson gave a highly informative PowerPoint presentation that detailed the history of the temperature issue including the data gathered from a temperature survey conducted to document the problem. It is now documented that for a certain number of days at the beginning and end of each school year the classroom temperatures goes beyond uncomfortable and makes teaching on those days problematic. The origin of the problem is that the original design of DSMS included A/C that was omitted during construction (presumably to save money). However no design changes (such as different windows with increased ventilation) were made to accommodate the dropped A/C that may have mitigated the heat issue.

The discussion then centered on the efforts made to explore all options to address the heat issue. After much deliberation the Regional School Committee is proposing to add air conditioning to the Middle School in a two-year project. The Warrant Committee expressed its appreciation for the extensive efforts made to research the heat problem and

explore all viable alternatives before recommending a solution for Dover and Sherborn to consider.

Being no other business, Mr. Cocks made a motion to adjourn, second by all. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Cone