

Dover School Committee
Meeting of December 17, 2013

Members Present: Dawn Fattore
Kristen Dennison
Tim Caffrey
Lauren Doherty
Adrian Hill

Also Present: Steve Bliss, Superintendent of Schools
Karen LeDuc, Assistant Superintendent
Christine Tague, Business Manager
Laura Dayal, Principal
Maria Colarusso, Administrator of Special Education
Bob Cocks, James Stuart, Dover Warrant
Nancy Powers, DSEA Building Representative

1) Call to order

Ms. Fattore called the meeting to order at 8:30 am at Chickering.

2) Community Comments – none

3) FY15 Budget

- a) Capital Requests - There was discussion of the proposed capital requests.

Ms. Dennison made a motion to approve the capital budget requests for FY15. Mr. Hill seconded.
13-44 VOTE: 5 - 0

- b) Operating - Mr. Bliss presented the draft FY15 operating budget for discussion. He stated that the proposed budget represents a 1.76% or \$118,021 increase over FY14 and is responsibly constructed to provide level services following Dover Warrant Committee guidance. The budget also: includes an undisclosed amount for contract negotiations for all bargaining units (teachers, administrators, support staff, secretarial, food service and plant/facilities); reduces classroom sections from 27 to 25 reflecting declining enrollment (kindergarten and grade 3 will have one less section); reflects the matriculation of 19 special education students in grade 5 to the middle school; includes expansion of the FLES program to include seven sections (kindergarten and grade 1); includes a .1 reduction in the area of visual arts; includes a .2 reduction in music; includes the reduction of a library aide; includes the non-replacement of a retiring custodian; includes the elimination of the part-time nurse's aide; and allows for \$51,000 for major building maintenance (in addition to the capital requests).

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the draft FY15 Operating Budget in the amount of \$9,647,534. Ms. Doherty seconded.

13-45 VOTE: 5 - 0

4) Special Items/New Business

- a) Donation Acceptance: PTO - The PTO has donated \$710 to fund the cost of professional development for Chickering Teaching Assistants related to the Trouble-free Playground program. Mr. Hill made a motion to accept the donation of \$710 from the PTO to fund professional developments costs for Teaching Assistants related to the Trouble-free Playground program. Mr. Caffrey seconded.

13-46 VOTE: 5 - 0

- b) Dover Town Report due January 10, 2014

4) Approval of Minutes

- a) October 29, 2013

Mr. Hill made a motion to accept the minutes of October 29, 2013. Mr. Caffrey seconded. Under "Members Present" correct the spelling of Ms. Dennison's name to Kristen.

13-47 VOTE (as amended): 5 - 0

b) Sherborn School Committee minutes of October 8, November 12 and November 20, 2013 and
Regional School Committee minutes of October 1 and November 5, 2013 were noted.

10) Adjournment at 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis