

**DOVER-SHERBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
**July 17, 2013**  
**DSHS Conference Room**

**Attendees**

Richard Robinson, Shelley Poulsen, Lauren Balk, Dana White, Michael Lee, Clare Graham  
Steve Bliss, Karen LeDuc, Jerry Schimmel, John Smith, Scott Kellett, Brian Meringer, Mary Wolff, John Cone, Brooks Gerner, Lanny Rubin

*Meeting called to order at 8am.*

- Discussion and review of “school” expenditure research and analysis done by Michael Lee
  - Topics included town issues, tax rates, SPED impact on budgets, salaries, what is quality education, what can we do differently, revenue side of the equations,
- Budgets
  - Topics discussed were priorities, declining enrollment in years to come –how to we plan, middle school vs jr high model, retirement planning, succession, PE requirements, cost benefits of regionalization, capital budget items
- Items for discussion by RSC members at future meetings
  - SPED reporting, Common Core, Grad Requirements, PE credits vs playing a sport, How do we evaluate our system, role of student feedback regarding our system, common schedule between MS/HS –what does that mean, K-12 regionalization, small group – discussion on how this works for us, succession planning
- Revenue Generation
  - Renting space, foreign students, cell tower, fees
- Extra-Compensatory Issues with current system-
  - Time line for decision making does not work for us with budget timeline
  - Additions/deletions difficult
  - Do we have threshold #s or guidelines for what constitutes an activity
  - Athletics, activities and academics in one “bucket”
  - Approximately \$50,000 in each category
  - Offline funding for other activities
  - The ability of the Headmasters to shape the programs
  - Options for other ways to manage the process.

*Adjourned public meeting at 11:40am*

Respectfully submitted,  
Clare Graham  
RSC Secretary