

APPROVED JUNE 17, 2014

Dover School Committee
Meeting of May 19, 2014

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

Also Present: Steven Bliss, Superintendent of Schools
Christine Tague, Business Manager
Laura Dayal, Principal
Maria Colarusso, Chickering Director of Special Education
Therese Green, Pine Hill Director of Special Education

1) Call to order

Ms. Fattore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Chickering Library.

2) Community Comments – none

3) Reports

a) PTO Report –Ms. Johnstone updated the Committee on recent and upcoming events with PTO:

- Grants for the past year were listed and summarized.
- The Luau Auction raised \$80,000.

b) Superintendent's Report -

- Challenge Success Program - the application has been filed to participate in the program during the next school year, including the elementary schools.
- Wellness Policy - The Wellness Policy Subgroup is working on a new Wellness Policy.
- Fire Road - There is a large segment of the fire road, particularly in and around the playground area, that was not completed with the FY14 Annual Town Meeting (ATM) appropriation. Leaving the defined seams that currently exist can contribute to and exacerbate cracking. A quote of \$24,795 has been secured and the Administration hopes to be able to get the work completed for \$20,000. The recommended funding for the project is: \$5,000 from a PTO donation, \$10,000 from the Building Fund, and \$4,999 from the FY14 operating budget.

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve spending \$10,000 from the Building Fund and \$4,999 from the FY14 operating budget to complete the paving around the playground. Ms. Dennison seconded.

14-07 VOTE: 5 - 0

- Donation Acceptance: Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program

Ms. Dennison made a motion to accept the \$500 donation from Exxon Mobil. Ms. Fattore seconded.

14-08 VOTE: 5 - 0

- School Goals - The Administration has begun work on goals building for 2014-15.

c) Assistant Superintendent's Report - Dr. LeDuc provided updates on the Educator Evaluation System, District Determined Measures, and Professional Development.

d) Business Manager's Report

- Status of Appropriations - The overall general education projected budget variance is estimated to be \$70,000 comprised of \$40,000 in salary variance and \$30,000 in expenditure variance. The in-district Special Education function code is over-budget by almost \$43,000 due primarily to increased spending for contracted services. The hand-held radios for use at Chickering no longer charge/hold a charge and need to be replaced at a cost of \$5,000 (10 units).

- OOD Tuition and Transportation - aggregate costs for both the Region and Chickering are anticipated to be over-budget by \$150,000 due to 34 OOD students vs the budgeted 31 students.
 - Capital Project progress - All projects deemed operational maintenance with the exception of the asphalt edge repairs have been completed. The air conditioning roof top unit for the library and first floor computer lab seized last week. The capital plan includes replacement of the unit in FY16. It will cost approximately \$9,995 to repair. The Administration is researching the options of an electric hot water heater vs the existing oil burner system and will make a recommendation at the June meeting.
- e) Principal's Report - Mrs. Dayal spoke of recent and upcoming events at Chickering.
- Tier 2 Literacy Program - Ms. Dayal explained the program that will be used to determine specific learning targets for students and establishes a new process for accessing Tier 2 support.
 - Dr. Bettye Craft will be retiring at the end of this school year.
 - TELL MASS Survey Results - the results were provided and summarized.

4) Special Items/New Business

- a) Longevity Requests for 2014-15 - changes to the longevity requests based on the new Educators' contract were provided.
- b) Recognition: Mr. Tim Caffrey - Ms. Fattore and Mr. Bliss thanked Mr. Caffrey for his years of service to the school committee.
- c) Agenda items for June 17th - Water heater replacement, standard items
- d) Donation Acceptance: DSEF Grants for 2014-15 - DSEF has granted \$20,771 for Chickering and \$26,650 for system-wide initiatives.

Ms. Doherty made a motion to accept the DSEF donation in the amount of \$47,421. Ms. Dennison seconded.

14-09 VOTE: 5 - 0

- e) Donation Acceptance: Dover PTO Contributions - Over FY14, the PTO has spent over \$67,000 on various items including: Curriculum Education Programs, Educator Classroom Support, PTO Grants, and Nature's Classroom Scholarships.

Ms. Doherty made a motion to accept the Dover PTO contributions for FY14. Ms. Dennison seconded.

14-06 VOTE: 5 - 0

5) Approval of Minutes

- a) March 6, 2014 - fix letter formatting in section 5, revise 5h) to read "The DSEF grants have been shared in the google drive."

Mr. Hill made a motion to accept the minutes of March 6, 2014. Mr. Caffrey seconded.

14-10 VOTE (as amended): 5 - 0

- b) March 25, 2014 - in III. Discussion of Special Education Reorganization replace first paragraph with: "There was discussion about the reorganization. Mr. Bliss shared that there will be an administrative cabinet representative at future SEPAC meetings. The DSC will also appoint a SEPAC liaison.

Ms. Dennison made a motion to accept the minutes of March 25, 2014. Ms. Doherty seconded.

14-11 VOTE (as amended): 5 - 0

- c) The Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee minutes of March 4, March 17 and April 28, 2014 and the Sherborn School Committee minutes of February 11, March 11, April 1 and April 28, 2014 were noted.

6) Adjournment at 8:15 pm into Executive Session for matters pertaining to contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, not to return to Open Session.

Ms. Fattore - yea,

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Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis