

APPROVED FEBRUARY 4, 2014

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of January 7, 2014

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

Also Present: Steve Bliss, Superintendent
Karen LeDuc, Assistant Superintendent
Christine Tague, Business Administrator
John Smith, Headmaster, DS Regional High School
Scott Kellett, Headmaster, DS Regional Middle School
Brian Merringer, Assistant Headmaster, DS Regional Middle School

1) Call to Order

Mr. Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Community Comments – None

3) Reports

- a) Student Council Report – Emme McCabe updated the Committee on upcoming events for the high school student council. Rachel Handler updated the Committee on the upcoming events for the middle school student council.
- b) Capital Committee update - Ms. White and Mr. Lee updated the Committee on their recent meetings with Dover Capital, Dover Board of Selectmen and Sherborn Capital. All Committees understand the need to maintain the Regional Campus.
- c) Superintendent - Mr. Bliss
 - IMA update - The Sherborn BOS are will discuss the matter at an upcoming agenda.
 - Donation Acceptance - The DS Regional School have received an anonymous donation of \$3,000 with a corporate match of \$3,000. Mr. Bliss has spoken with the family and sent a formal thank you note. The Committee asked Mr. Bliss to report back to them about how the money was spent.
Ms. White made a motion to accept the anonymous donation of \$6,000. Ms. Balk seconded.
14-01 VOTE: 6 - 0
 - Donation Acceptance - Leuders Environmental, Inc has sent a donation of \$100 to be used by Mr. Chicklis in the Science Department. This donation is made annually.
Ms. Balk made a motion to accept the \$100 donation from Leuders Environmental, Inc for the High School Science Department. Mr. Lee seconded.
14-02 VOTE: 6 - 0
- d) Assistant Superintendent - Dr. LeDuc updated the Committee on her recent work and highlighted several examples of the high level of commitment on the part of educators, administrators, students and families.
- e) Business Manager
 - Status of Appropriations - The salary variance remains unchanged since last month.
Ms. Tague is now anticipating an additional \$157,782 in state aid this year over what was originally budgeted. This will either assist in off-setting other revenue shortfalls or fall out to E&D.
- f) High School - Mr. Smith spoke of recent and upcoming events at the high school.

- New Class Offerings - There are two new class offerings included in the draft FY15 operating budget that will be included in the Program of Studies and therefore available for student enrollment. The Administration asked that the RSC approve the inclusion of these offerings at the February meeting. The classes are Chinese 4 and Social Media (a semester course that will discuss the economic, moral and political impact of social media).
- Donation Acceptance - The following donations have been made to support programs outside the scope of the athletic operation budget: Freshman Soccer Team Parents - \$4,560, Dover Sherborn Indoor Track Club - \$13,500 and Dover Sherborn Hockey Club - \$2,300.

Ms. White made a motion to accept the donations of \$4,650 for Freshman Soccer, \$13,500 for Indoor Track and \$2,300 for JV Boys' Ice Hockey, Ms. Balk seconded.
14-03 VOTE: 6 - 0

- The Class Size Report was provided and discussed.

g) Middle School - Mr. Kellett spoke of recent and upcoming events at the middle school. The Class Size Report was provided.

h) FY15 Capital Item: Handicap Accessible Van - Mr. Bliss provided a financial analysis of three funding options for the van: 1) purchase van as part of the capital budget warrant request \$32,955, 2) municipal 3 year lease of the van (\$1 buyout option at end of lease) with an interest rate of 6.5% for total cost of \$35,476.71 or 3) contract with ACCEPT for \$27,000 annually. There was discussion about the provided options as well as "Option 1A" which would include the purchase of the van as a capital item in the operation budget. The Administration will research "Option 1A" and report back at the February meeting.

i) FY15 Operating Budget - Mr. Bliss provided answers to questions about the Draft FY15 budget from Dover Warrant.

4) Special Items and New Business

a) 2013-14 Calendar Change - Mr. Bliss announced that the ER day of April 16th will be moved to April 17th since there is no school on Friday April 18th in observance of Good Friday.

b) February Agenda items – Capital Item: van, new courses at High School, winter athletics participation numbers, FY15 Extra-compensatory stipends

c) Town Reports - Ms. Graham has provided the copy for the Town Reports.

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to accept the drafts of the Town Reports for submission to Dover and Sherborn. Mr. Lee seconded.

14-04 VOTE: 6 - 0

5) Approval of Minutes

a) December 3, 2013

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2013. Ms. White seconded.

14-05 VOTE: 5 - 0 - 1 (Ms. Graham)

b) The Sherborn School Committee minutes of November 20, 2013 and the Dover School Committee minutes of October 29, 2013 were noted.

6) Routine Business

a) Enrollments as of January 1, 2014

7) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis