

APPROVED JUNE 10, 2014

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of May 6, 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
Ms. McCabe and Ms. Handler, Student Council Representatives

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 the upcoming events for the high school student council. Rachel Handler updated the Committee on the upcoming events for the middle school student council.
- b) China Exchange Delegation - Mr. Bliss welcomed and introduced the students visiting from China.
- c) Recognition - Mr. Robinson and Mr. Bliss thanked Ms. Balk for her years of service and contributions to the School Committee
- d) Superintendent - Mr. Bliss
 - 2014-15 Goal Setting - Mr. Bliss is working with other Administrators on Goal Setting. Their next meeting is May 19th.
- e) Assistant Superintendent - Dr. LeDuc updated the Committee on the Educator Evaluation process, Good Grief training provided on April 17, and District Determined Measures.
- f) Business Manager
 - Status of Appropriations - the initial review of operating results for FY14 projects excess revenues of \$124,534 and expenditure turn backs of \$432,974. The revenue surplus is due to additional state aid. The expenditure surplus is due to positive variances in salaries of \$125,000 and operating expenditures of \$307,974 comprised of utilities, transportation, property insurance, and workers' compensation offset by deficits in snow removal and WWTF contracted services.
 - Facilities - As result of investigation into the WWTF recent failures to meet permit, a blockage in the feed line to the pumps was discovered and cleared. In late March a fracture was discovered in the recycling line of the WWTF. The total cost of the pump repairs, blockage and recycling line repair was \$10,044. Ms. Tague is pursuing a claim with the insurance company for the recycling line repair. The bid opening for the boiler repairs will be May 14th. In mid-April there was a water main leak under the student parking lot which was fixed at a cost of \$3,210.
 - Food Service - school lunch participation is up for the same period last year by 16.8% of which 4.4% is attributable to the 25 cent price increase.
- g) High School - Mr. Smith spoke of recent and upcoming events at the high school.

- Gubernatorial candidates Martha Coakley and Charlie Baker visited the high school in May and February respectively and spoke to the Government and Law classes.
- Donation Acceptance - The High School PTO and the Boosters have donated glass display cabinets for the lobby of the high school.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the donation of glass display cabinets from the High School PTO and DS Boosters. Ms. White seconded.

14-33 VOTE: 5 - 0 - 1 (Ms. Graham)

- Donation Acceptance - The following teams have donated monies to compensate their respective assistant coaches: Sailing Team - \$2,500, Girls Lacrosse - \$1,500 and Boys Lacrosse - \$2,500.

Ms. White made a motion to accept the donations to compensate assistant coaches. Ms. Graham seconded.

14-34 VOTE: 6 - 0

- Student Handbook - Mr. Smith discussed proposed changes to the Student Handbook for 2014-15. There was discussion about the changes. Mr. Smith will have a proposal for revising Senior Privilege at next month's meeting.

Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the changes to the DS High School Student Handbook for 2014-15 subject to changes by legal counsel. Ms. White seconded.

14-35 VOTE: 6 - 0

- Athletic Handbook - Mr. Rollins presented the proposed changes to the Athletic Handbook. Athletic practices will begin at 3:00 instead of 3:15 to cut down on the amount of idle time between the end of school and the beginning of practice. Any students needing extra time to meet with their teachers/make up a test will be excused from the beginning of practice. The language prohibiting 8th grade waivers was removed.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the changes and approve the Athletic Handbook. Ms. White seconded.

14-36 VOTE: 6 - 0

- h) Middle School - Mr. Kellett spoke of recent and upcoming events at the middle school.**
- The NE Middle School Scholar Leaders for DS are Owen Searle and Grace Johnson.
 - Student Handbook - Mr. Kellett discussed proposed changes to the Student Handbook for 2014-15.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the changes to the Middle School Student Handbook for 2014-15. Ms. Graham seconded.

14-37 VOTE: 6 - 0

4) Special Items and New Business

- a) Longevity Requests for 2014-15 - changes to the longevity requests based on the new Educators' contract were provided.
- b) Boosters baseball dugout donation - The Dowd family is working with the Boosters on the design of a baseball dugout in honor of Matt Dowd. Once the design is finalized it will be presented to School Committee for approval.
- c) Cell Tower - Mr. Bliss and Ms. White attended a recent meeting of the Dover Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the proposed cell tower construction on property abutting the Regional campus. There is an opportunity to pursue erecting the tower on school property instead thereby collecting the revenue generated. The RSC can ask the Dover Planning Board to request the cell tower company pursue alternate sites for the cell tower placement including the Regional campus. There was discussion and comments from the audience.

Ms. White made a motion to send a letter to the Dover Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals expressing our interest in continuing exploration of the cell tower opportunity. Ms. Poulsen seconded.

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14-38 VOTE: 6 - 0

5) Approval of Minutes

a) April 1, 2014

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2014. Ms. Balk seconded.

14- VOTE: 6 - 0

6) Routine Business

a) Enrollments as of May 1, 2014

7) Adjournment at 8:51 PM into Executive Session for matters pertaining to contract negotiations not to return to Open Session.

Mr. Robinson - aye, Ms. White - aye, Ms. Balk - aye, Mr. Lee - aye, Ms. Graham - aye and Ms. Poulsen - aye

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis