

APPROVED JUNE 16, 2015

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
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Union #50 Superintendency Committee
Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2015
Dover-Sherborn Middle School - Dover, MA

Present:

Dover School Committee

Dawn Fattore, Chair
Kristen Dennison, Secretary*
Henry Spalding*
Adrian Hill*
Sherborn School Committee
Frank Hess, Chair*
Greg Garland
Anne Hovey

Dover-Sherborn Regional School
Committee

Dana White, Chair**
Michael Lee, Vice Chair**
Clare Graham
Carolyn Ringel**
Richard Robinson
Lori Krusell

* - Union #50 Member

** - Union #50 non-voting member

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Dana White. There was a quorum of the Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee (DSRSC) and the Dover School Committee (DSC). There was not a quorum of the Sherborn School Committee (SSC) until 7:10 pm.
2. **Introduction of Mr. Johannes Baumhauer, Business Manager** - Mr. Bliss introduced and welcomed Mr. Baumhauer to the Committees. He will begin at Dover Sherborn on July 1st and overlap with Ms. Tague for July and August.
3. **Special Education Reorganization Update** - Ms. Green gave an overview of SPED Reorganization so far this year including work to improve consistency of procedures across districts, support for the Team Chair role at the middle and high schools, and improving the understanding of the needs of students across all four buildings and how to plan for these students as they matriculate. Ms. Green has identified the following as short-term considerations: team chairs are working beyond their 0.6 FTE appointments; the Elementary SPED Administrator spends the vast majority of her time in IEP meetings; a need for BCBA support for middle and high school students; need to increase capacity to scaffold services for language-based disabled students across building in order to compete against out-of-district programs; and additional post-secondary transitional programming. She also identified the need to provide transitional programming for students returning from hospitalizations/injuries and additional skills or CP2 (college prep) classes at the high school as longer-term considerations.
4. **Special Education Survey Results** - Ms. Green provided and discussed the survey results.
5. **Policy Updates** - The policy revisions are still being discussed at the sub-committee level and will be presented at a future meeting.
6. **School Start Times Update** - Mr. Bliss provided the School Start Times Report with the following summary: Following a six-month process of research, surveying, and district-wide communications, and considering the multiple benefits and costs associated with a change in school start times at the middle and high schools, I recommend not changing start times at this point, but instead recommend the promotion of other efforts (including the Challenge Success Program, bus routes, campus curfews, and other to-be-defined initiatives) to reduce stress and improve physical and emotional health for our students within the context

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of the current schedule. There was discussion among Committee members regarding the Administration's recommendation.

- 7. Bullying Prevention-Intervention Plan (BPIP)** - The plan has been updated to reflect new state regulations. There were questions and comments about the new language and it's implications.

There were motions to approve the revised Bullying Prevention-Intervention Plan.

DSRSC: motion by Mr. Robinson, second by Ms. Krusell

Vote in favor: Ms. White, Mr. Lee, Ms. Graham, Ms. Ringel, Mr. Robinson and Ms. Krusell

SSC: motion by Mr. Garland, second by Ms. Hovey

Vote in favor: Mr. Hess, Ms. Hovey, and Mr. Garland

DSC: motion by Mr. Hill, second by Ms. Dennison

Vote in favor: Ms. Fattore, Ms. Dennison, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Spalding

- 8. Transitional Leadership Team Update** - The team has begun to meet with candidates and is working to coordinate site visit times that work for the most committee members.
- 9. Other Transition Items** - Mr. Bliss provided an update on the search processes for other district position openings and work being done on Goals for next year. There was also discussion about the Transition team work to be done to hire a search firm for the permanent Superintendent search.

- 10. Consent Agenda: Meeting minutes of February 24, March 20 and April 7, 2015 and ACCEPT Agreement.**

There were motions to approve the consent agenda.

DSRSC: motion by Ms. Ringel, second by Mr. Lee

Vote in favor: Ms. White, Mr. Lee, Ms. Graham, Ms. Ringel, Mr. Robinson and Ms. Krusell

SSC: motion by Mr. Garland, second by Ms. Hovey

Vote in favor: Mr. Hess, Ms. Hovey, and Mr. Garland

DSC: motion by Mr. Spalding second by Ms. Dennison

Vote in favor: Ms. Fattore, Ms. Dennison, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Spalding

- 11. Adjournment to Executive Session at 8:50 pm for matter pertaining to school security and contract negotiations for non support personnel not to return to open session.**

Regional School Committee: Ms. White - yea, Mr. Lee - yea, Ms. Graham - yea, Ms. Ringel - yea, Ms. Krusell - yea, and Mr. Robinson - yea.

Sherborn School Committee: Mr. Hess - yea, Ms. Hovey - yea, Mr. Garland - yea.

Dover School Committee: Ms. Fattore - yea, Ms. Doherty - yea, Mr. Spalding - yea, Ms. Dennison - yea, and Mr. Hill - yea

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis