

APPROVED MAY 5, 2015

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Meeting of April 7, 2015

Members Present: Dana White, Chair
Michael Lee, Vice Chair
Carolyn Ringel, Secretary
Richard Robinson
Clare Graham
Lori Krusell

Also Present: Steve Bliss, Superintendent
Karen LeDuc, Assistant Superintendent
Christine Tague, Business Administrator
Therese Green, Director of Special Education
John Smith, Headmaster, DS Regional High School
Scott Kellett, Headmaster, DS Regional Middle School
Ms. Boland, Student Council Representative

1) Call to Order

Ms. White called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Community Comments – Mrs. Rodgers requested that the wi-fi radiation levels at the middle and high schools be measured, monitored and reduced due to her concerns about student health.

3) State of the District

- a) Middle School Updates - Mr. Kellett spoke of recent and upcoming events at the middle school.
- b) High School Updates - Ms. Boland and Mr. Smith spoke of recent and upcoming events at the high school.
- c) Superintendent
 - Fields of Sherborn (Proposed 40b Project) - The Sherborn Board of Selectmen has asked for comments from the Regional School Committee (in addition to other town department/committees) on the proposed 32-36 unit development. Mr. Bliss provided information about the "Municipal Fiscal Impact" of a similar development built in Sudbury.
 - Metrowest Health Foundation Survey Results - the initial survey results were provided.
- d) Assistant Superintendent
 - Educator Evaluation System - The Qualified Peer Observer course is underway.
 - Wellness Committee - Janelle Madden and food service staff members have been meeting as a group for professional development to strategize work associated with the food service action plan.
- e) Director of Special Education - Ms. Green will present the results of the Special Education Parent Survey and provide an update on the Special Education Department reorganization at a Joint meeting later this month.
- f) Business Manager - the Status of Appropriation as of January 31, 2015 was provided. Conservatively, the year-end E&D projection stand at 3.5%.
 - The Facilities Reserve Fund has been entirely depleted primarily due to \$48,000 in repairs to the HVAC system. The amount spent on emergency repairs to the HVAC system this year is \$88,228. The Administration recommends a more in-depth analysis during the FY17 capital budgeting process.

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- The WWTF did not meet permit in February. It is believed that very cold ambient temperatures and severely diminished influent flows due to school vacation and snow days may be the cause. The March testing results will be provided at the next meeting.
- The Food Service POS system has been contracted. The web-based solution will cost \$6,928 for the software license and implementation as well as \$3,120 for the annual maintenance fee going forward.
- Capital Projects Update - Ms. Tague provided an analysis of FY15 capital project status and expenditures to date.

4) Presentation, Discussion and Action

- a) Girls' Ice Hockey Update - Mr. Smith and the Athletic Director are looking into adding a third team to the current co-op with Hopkington due to projected athlete numbers.
- b) Middle School Interscholastic Athletics - In recent weeks, Mr. Kellet has made inquiries to a wide variety of stakeholders in the school community regarding the potential of a bona-fide middle school interscholastic athletic program. At this time, the concerns/complications raised outweigh the benefits of implementing a program.
- c) Middle School Technology - Ms. Phelan made a presentation on a proposed "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) policy for 8th grade students. There were concerns raised about school liability for lost/damaged devices (parents will sign permission slip for their student to bring a device to school). The Acceptable Internet Use Policy will be reviewed by School Counsel to make sure it covers BYOD.
- d) RSC Communication
- e) Naming Opportunities - the Policy Sub-committee will work on developing a policy for Naming Opportunities at the District's schools.

5) Consent Agenda

- a) RSC Meeting Minutes of 2/11, and 3/3/2015
- b) Donation Acceptance: Friends of DSHS Indoor Track - \$5,801.60 to cover 50% of season expenses. All expenses in FY16 will be charged to the operating budget.
- c) Donation Acceptance: Challenge Success - An anonymous donation in the amount of \$20,000 has been received to support the Challenge Success initiative.
- d) Donation Acceptance: DSMS Music - An anonymous donation in the amount of \$500 has been received to support the DSMS Music program.

Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the Challenge Success donation. Ms. Graham seconded.

15-16 VOTE: 6 - 0

There was discussion about the Challenge Success donation due to the size of the donation. The funds will be used for keynote speakers and additional programs.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to accept the Challenge Success donation in the amount of \$20,000. Ms. Graham seconded.

15-17 VOTE: 6 - 0

6) For Review

- a) Sherborn School Committee minutes of 2/10/2015
- b) Dover School Committee minutes of 1/20 and 2/10/2015
- c) Items for the May Regional School Committee Meeting

7) Adjournment at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis