

APPROVED JUNE 15, 2015

Dover School Committee
Meeting of May 18, 2015

Members Present: Dawn Fattore, Chair
Kristen Dennison, Secretary
Henry Spalding
Also Present: Steve Bliss, Superintendent
Karen LeDuc, Assistant Superintendent
Laura Dayal, Principal
Therese Green, 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) State of the District

- a) Dover PTO - The incoming presidents for next year will present the budget at the June meeting.
- b) Chickering School Update - Ms. Dayal reviewed the report and took questions.
- c) Superintendent
 - Massachusetts Study on Assessment Practices in Districts - provided for review
 - FY16 State Budget - The House Ways and Means budget calls for increased local aid. Additionally METCO funding has been restored to the original FY15 levels and \$1 million above FY15 funding has been added.
 - Minuteman Vocational-Technical High School - The Article related to the various school construction-improvement projects at Minuteman was deferred at Dover Town Meeting.
- d) Assistant Superintendent - Implementation guidelines in the areas of nutrition, physical activity, and social/emotional wellness are being developed by the Wellness Committee.
- e) Director of Special Education - The Chickering Special Education Parent Survey results were provided and discussed.
- f) Business Manager - The Status of Appropriation as of April 30, 2015 was provided. The in-district operating surplus is projected to be \$198,000, the majority of which is attributable to legal settlements. The fuel surcharge paid was down significantly as a result in fuel price decline. The TEC oil bid opening was last week and the award went to Dennis Burke, Inc. at \$2.2312/gallon (FY15 price was \$3.12/gallon). The Administration suggested using a portion of the surplus to replace failing projectors in 5-10 classrooms.
 - Food Service - revenue continues to decline as a result of lower enrollment. Revenues are down 7.8% versus same period last year, however both labor and food costs have decreased as well.
 - Out of District Tuition and Transportation - The Administration is projecting a \$210,000 deficit due to changes in placements.

4) Presentation, Discussion and Action

- a) DS Evaluation System Update - The Administration provided a review of the Evaluation System including information about Qualified Peer Observers.
- b) Chickering Family Handbook 2015-16 - Ms. Dayal presented proposed changes to the handbook.

Ms. Dennison made a motion to approved the changes to the 2015-16 Chickering Family Handbook as presented. Mr. Spalding seconded.

15-05 VOTE: 3 - 0

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- c) School Committee Goals Update - will be discussed further at a future meeting.
- 5) Recognition: Ms. Kristen Dennison**
- 6) Consent Agenda**
 - a) Meeting minutes of March 5, 2015
 - b) Dover PTO 2016 Auction - April 2, 2016 at Chickering School.Ms. Dennison made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as stated. Mr. Spalding seconded.
15-06 VOTE: 4 - 0
- 7) For Review**
 - a) Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee minutes of 2/11, 3/3, & 4/7/15
 - b) Sherborn School Committee minutes of 2/10 & 3/10/15
- 8) Adjournment at 7:15 PM**

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis