

APPROVED JUNE 20, 2016

Dover School Committee
Meeting of May 16, 2016

Members Present: Dawn Fattore
Henry Spalding
Adrian Hill
Brooke Matarese
Also Present: Bill McAlduff, Interim Superintendent
Karen LeDuc, Assistan
Laura Dayal, Principal
Deb Reinemann, Assistant Principal

1) Call to Order

Ms. Fattore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Chickering Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Dover PTO Report - There have been many successful events held by the PTO this year, most recently the Auction with raised approximately \$70,000.

4) Reports

- a) Chickering School Update - Ms. Dayal highlighted items from her report.
- b) Assistant Superintendent Report - Dr. LeDuc updated the Committee on the following:
 - Curriculum Review Cycle - the comprehensive cycle and process for review was provided. Next year's target curriculum will be Science, Technology, Engineering and Computer Science.
 - Educational Technology Plan - Over the past months, the District-wide Technology Team, comprised of central office and building leadership/educators, worked to draft the National Educational Technology Plan 2016-2021.
- c) Interim Superintendent Report - Mr. McAlduff updated the Committee on the following:
 - Special Education Director Search - The posting closed as of May 6th and more than 32 candidates submitted applications. The Search Advisory Committee is scheduled to recommend their chosen finalists to the Interim Superintendent on May 19th.
 - Lead and Copper in Water Testing - the September 2015 water testing results were provided which showed that levels for both lead and copper are well below the limits set by the Federal EPA and the Mass DEP. The Governor has set aside money for grants related to water testing and the Administration will be filing a Request for Interest next week.
 - Enrollment Report - an updated report as of May 1st was provided. The Administration is watching enrollment numbers very closely, particularly for next year's K, 1st, and 4th grades and will provide another update at the June meeting.

5) FY16 Monthly Financial Report - Mr. McAlduff provided the Status of Appropriations as of , 2016. The Administration anticipates a positive variance of \$104,000 in operating expenditures mainly attributable to utility savings (\$60,000), regular education transportation savings (\$7,800), and SPED contracted services savings (\$20,000). The Out of District (OOD) Tuition and Transportation negative variance has increase to \$406,352 from \$355,000 due to an additional 1:1 aid and other IEP program changes for current placements. This could increase by an additional \$10,000 as a result of extensions of services for one Regional and one Elementary student. This variance does not reflect the Circuit Breaker Reimbursement of \$871,654 that will be booked on June 30th.

6) Pre-School Playground Presentation - Currently, no part of the playground at Chickering is designed for children under the age of five. The proposed structure for the pre-school

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aged children would be located slightly apart from the main area, include new equipment including a basket-style swing for multiple users, have an artificial, rubberized surface, and will be fenced in with two gates. The estimated cost of the project is \$41,000. There was discussion about how to fund the project. Several committee members expressed concern with sending a fundraising letter so closely following the PTO auction. It was suggested that the current and future pre-school families be targeted for fundraising rather than the school as a whole. After further discussion it was decided to use the Pre-School Revolving Fund for to partially fund the cost of the playground.

Mr. Spalding made a motion to approve up to \$30,000 for the purpose of building a pre-school playground at Chickering School. Mr. Hill seconded.

16-08 VOTE: 4 - 0

7) Chickering Family Handbook 2016-17 Changes - Ms. Dayal presented the proposed changes to the handbook for discussion and approval.

Mr. Spalding made a motion to approve the changes to the Chickering Family Handbook 2016-17 as presented. Ms. Matarese seconded.

16-09 VOTE: 4 - 0

8) Update on Temperature Control Study - This topic will be discussed at the June meeting.

9) Recognition: Ms. Dawn Fattore - Ms. Fattore was thanked for her years of service on the School Committee.

10) Consent Agenda

a) Meeting minutes of March 3, 2016 - Ms. Fattore will forward suggested corrections to the Administration office.

b) Donation Acceptance: DS Youth Soccer - \$2,000 for the design and construction of the planned preschool playground.

Mr. Spalding made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hill seconded.

16-10 VOTE: 4 - 0

10) Communications

a) Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee minutes: February 4, 2016

b) Sherborn School Committee minutes of February 9 and March 8, 2016

11) Adjournment at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis