

APPROVED JUNE 7, 2016

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of May 3, 2016

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

Also Present: Bill McAlduff, Interim Superintendent
Karen LeDuc, Assistant Superintendent
John Smith, HS Headmaster
Scott Kellet, MS Headmaster

1) Call to Order

Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Community Comments – None

3) Reports

- DSMS Headmaster's Report - Ms. Caffrey and Mr. Kellett highlighted recent and upcoming events at the Middle School.
- DSHS Headmaster's Report - Mr. Smith highlighted recent and upcoming events at the High School including an update of the NEASC process. At a recent meeting with George Edwards, the new Executive Director for NEASC, Mr. Edwards indicated that NEASC is examining ways to reduce the number of visitors, the number of specific standards to address, as well as ways to incorporate work that is already being require as a result of state mandates in the NEASC review process. Due to NEASC addresses the Administrations concerns about the process, Mr. Smith provided a potential timeline for DSHS' re-entry in the NEASC Accreditation Process.
- Assistant Superintendent Report - Dr. LeDuc updated the Committee on the following: 1) 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 and 2) 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.
- Interim Superintendent Report - In response to the public comments on 8th grade PE letter grades at the March meeting, Ms. Ringel has engaged in follow-up conversations and meetings including one with staff members, school administrators, and parents. Mr. McAlduff plans to collect additional information and present a report at the June meeting with recommendations for further study and/or action.

4) Financial Reports

- Audited Fiscal Year 2015 Financials - The Audit was presented and discussed. There are no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in the report. The School Net Pension Liability has significantly increased due to the implementation of GASB 68 (the liability previously appeared in the footnotes).
Ms. Graham made a motion to accept the Audited Fiscal Year 2015 Financials as presented. Ms. Ringel seconded.
16-16 VOTE: 6 - 0
- Monthly Financial Report - The Status of Appropriations as of April 30th was presented. The salary variance remains unchanged from the last report. A preliminary projection of all operating expenditures through June 30th has been done and an approximately \$850,000

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favorable budget variance is anticipated. One adjusted for the \$250,000 one time use of the Regional Transportation Revolving Fund this amount is \$600,000. The majority of this variance is attributable to health care savings of \$330,000, utility savings of \$110,000, and Custodial Services savings of \$60,000.

- Utility Contracts - The Region has entered into a new natural gas energy contract effective upon the expiration of the current contract (June 2017). The contract was locked in now due to the rate being the lowest offered in ten years.
- Capital Sub-Committee Report - A report from Weisman Roofing Company details numerous repairs needed that are the cause of leaks in the buildings over the last six months. Mr. Kelley has gotten two additional written estimates for the scope of work. The sub-committee recommend that the RSC approve the payment of up to \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing the roofs as identified in the Roof Assessment Report to be funded from the E&D Account. There was discussion about the repairs to be done and the use of E&D.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the payment of up to \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing roofs to be funded from the E&D Account. Ms. Graham seconded.

16-17 VOTE: 6 - 0

- Athletic User Fees - The administration provided information on the number of athletic fee waivers (22) and family cap waivers (7) for the 2015-16 school year.

5) Draft of 2016-17 Student Handbooks - The changes to the 2016-17 High School and Middle School Student Handbooks were presented for discussion. A vote will be taken at the June meeting.

6) Consent Agenda

- a) RSC Meeting Minutes of February 24 and March 1, 2016 - The second page of the February 24th minutes were missing from the packet so approval will be held until the June meeting.
- b) WSHG appointment - Mr. McAlduff as representative for DS Regional Schools
- c) Donation DSMS Music Department - A family has anonymously donated a French Horn to the middle school.
- d) Girls Ice Hockey Trip to Martha's Vineyard - 2017 MLK Weekend tournament
- e) Eagle Scout Request - Permission to build a bridge (approximately 20 ft long x 5 ft wide) over the dried up river along on of the trails in the back fields.

Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding the minutes of February 24, 2016. Ms. White seconded.

16-18 VOTE: 6 - 0

7) Communications

- a) MARS Annual Meeting Notification and Agenda
- b) EDC Letter Confirming 2016 YRBS Participation
- c) Flyer on Prescription Drug Safety
- d) Dover School Committee Minutes - January 19, 2016
- e) Sherborn School Committee Minutes of February 9, 2016

8) Adjournment at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis