

**Approved May 17, 2021**

**Dover School Committee**  
Meeting of March 4, 2021

Members Present: Leslie Leon  
Colleen Burt  
Sara Gutierrez Dunn  
Mark Healey  
Elizabeth Grossman

Also Present: Andrew Keough, Superintendent  
Beth McCoy, Assistant Superintendent  
Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator

**1) Call to Order**

Ms. Leon called the virtual meeting to order at 6:30 pm and read the following into the record: I'd like to call to order the meeting to order. This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020. Information on how to join remote School Committee meetings and meeting agendas is posted on the Dover Sherborn District Website. Please note that this meeting is being recorded. Please be aware that anything that you broadcast may be captured by the recording.

Community Comments are first. Please remember that community comments are an opportunity for us to listen to members of the community. It is not a forum for answering questions or engaging in a debate and we will not be answering any questions tonight. We respectfully request that you please make your comments brief (about 2 mins) and that you move the discussion forward by adding new information. Once the public comment section of the meeting has been concluded, we will move on to other business and unsolicited comments from the community will no longer be permitted.

**2) Welcome Elizabeth Grossman**

**3) Reorganization -** Dr. Keough asked for nominations for Chair.

*Sara Gutierrez Dunn nominated Leslie Leon for Chair of the Dover School Committee. Mark Healey seconded.*

*21-02 VOTE: 5 - 0*

*Mark Healey nominated Sara Gutierrez Dunn for Secretary of the Dover School Committee. Colleen Burt seconded.*

*21-03 VOTE: 5 - 0*

**4) Community Comments -** A few staff members and parents commented on the proposed re-opening plan.

**5) FY22 Budget Adjustments and BUDGET HEARING**

Dawn Fattore updated the Committee on recommended adjustments to the draft FY22 Budget: ACED stipend increases for PLC Leaders \$7,557 and salary savings due to retirement notifications (\$50,000) for a total reduction of \$42,443.

FY22 Budget Drivers include: contractual payroll increases of approximately 2% across all bargaining units in addition to step and lane increases for educators ranging from 4-13%; staffing changes/retirements which are offsetting the salary increases; level enrollment; and continued trend budgeting.

FY22 Budget Drivers include: projected placements of 26 (vs 31 in FY21), post budget placements for FY21 are offset by graduating/aged-out placements; and ACCEPT transportation costs model.

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The proposed FY22 Operating Budget is \$10,369,665 made up of \$7,327,275 in in-district costs and \$3,042,390 in out-of-district costs. This budget is \$3,026 or 0.03% lower than the FY21 Budget.

Capital requests for FY22 include: flooring replacement of classroom hallways - \$85,000; and cold water booster system upgrade to variable frequency drive - \$15,500. The Town is submitting the cold water booster system upgrade for possible Green Community Grant funding.

### 6) **Vote on FY22 Budget**

*Colleen Burt made a motion to approve the FY22 Budget as presented. Sara Gutierrez Dunn seconded.*

*21-04 VOTE: 5 - 0*

### 7) **FY21 Monthly Financial Report** - as of February 28, 2021.

- Salaries/Expenditures - there are no changes since the last meeting.
- Out-of-District - there have been several changes in placement costs, program placements, as well as one additional placement resulting in additional expenses of approximately \$40,000. The District will be receiving \$1,094,160 to offset FY21 expenses.
- COVID related grants - a second round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grants was awarded. The first round of grants totaled \$20,000. The second round was \$85,841 with at least \$10,000 earmarked for mental health. The award periods for the ESSER I and ESSER II extend into FY22 and FY23. In addition, a grant of \$12,950 from the State Coronavirus Prevention Fund to be used by June 30, 2021.

### 8) **Reports**

- Superintendent's Report - Dr. Keough updated the re-opening plan which will have the elementary schools return to 5 days per week on April 7th (every other week). He also spoke about teacher vaccinations and pool testing.  
Dr. Keough also announced that Jim Carnes has been named as Assistant Principal beginning July 1, 2021.
- Principal's Report - Dr. Reinemann reviewed her report and answered questions.
- Warrant Report

### 9) **Annual School Committee Vote on MA School Choice Law** - MA General Law Chapter 76, Section 12 requires local school committees to vote annually as to whether or not the district will participate in School Choice.

*Mark Healey made a motion to have the Chickering Elementary School not participate in School Choice program for the 2021-2022 school year. Colleen Burt seconded.*

*21-05 VOTE: 5 - 0*

### 10) **Policy: First Read** - Harassment Policy ACAB and Harassment Investigation Procedures

### 11) **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2021
- Donation - water bottle filling station from DSEF

*Colleen Burt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Sara Gutierrez Dunn seconded.*

*21-06 VOTE: 4 - 0 - 1 (Elizabeth Grossman abstained)*

### 12) **Communications**

- Regional School Committee minutes of January 12, 2021

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- Sherborn School Committee minutes of December 14, 2020

**13)Adjournment at 8:20 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Davis