

Approved May 11, 2021

Sherborn School Committee

Meeting of March 9, 2021

Members Present: Angie Johnson
Megan Page
Amanda Brown
Nancy Cordell
Dennis Quandt

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

1) Call to Order

Ms. Johnson called the virtual meeting to order at 6:37 pm and read the following into the record:

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 Dennis Quandt

3) Community Comments - none

4) FY22 Budget Adjustments and BUDGET HEARING

Dawn Fattore updated the Committee on recommended adjustments to the draft FY22 Budget:

- addition of two approved PLC stipends
- reduction of salaries based on staffing changes/retirements
- addition of SPED educator for expanded programming
- increase SPED therapists services based on student cohort
- moved funding for QPO stipends to Title IIA grant
- Accelerate "one-time" purchases from FY22 to FY21
- reduction of telephone costs due to communications audit
- increase use of Circuit Breaker reimbursement
- adjustment to ACCEPT Matrix Transportation costs
- TOTAL reduction to draft FY22 Budget - \$99,683

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; new FY21 position for additional classroom section added to FY22 operating budget (funded by revolving fund for FY21); addition of second educator to expand GOALS program; level enrollment; and continued trend budgeting.

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FY22 Out of District Budget Drivers include: projected placements of 9 (vs 11 in FY21), Circuit breaker reimbursement of \$200,000 is being used to offset general fund expenditures; and decrease in transportation based on number of riders.

The proposed FY22 Operating Budget is \$7,001,886 made up of \$6,411,886 in in-district costs and \$590,000 in out-of-district costs. This budget is \$5,352 or 0.08% higher than the FY21 Budget.

There are no Capital requests for FY22.

5) **Vote on FY22 Budget**

Megan Page made a motion to approve the FY22 Budget as presented. Amanda Brown seconded.

21-03 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

6) **Reports**

- Superintendent Update - 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.
- Principal's Report - Dr. Brown highlighted recent and upcoming events at Pine Hill.
- Warrant Report

7) **FY21 Monthly Financial Report** - as of February 28th.

- Salaries - three educators are on leave resulting in a savings of \$180,000.
- Operating Expenditures - there are no changes to report since the last meeting.
- Out-of-District - there continues to be a positive variance of approximately \$50,000 in tuitions and \$20,000 in transportation costs due to 10 current placements vs 11 budgeted for FY21.
- COVID related grants - a second round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grants was awarded. The first round of grants totaled \$24,869. 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 \$11,625 from the State Coronavirus Prevention Fund to be used by June 30, 2021.

8) **Vote to approve Non-Resident Tuition** - non-resident students continue to be enrolled at Pine Hill. The School Committee is asked to approve the tuition rate annually.

Amanda Brown made a motion to set the tuition rate for students attending Pine Hill School from outside the district, as approved by the Superintendent per School Committee Policy JFABE, to be \$21,221 for the 2021-22 school year and that further any additional support services costs be added to the individual students tuition based on a fair share of those additional services as computed by the administration. Megan Page seconded.

21-04 VOTE:

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.

Megan Page made a motion to have the Pine Hill Elementary School not participate in School Choice program for the 2021-2022 school year. Nancy Cordell seconded.

21-05 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call

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10)Policy: Harassment, First Read - the draft policy was provided for review.

11)Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2021

*Nancy Cordell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dennis Quandt seconded.
21-06 VOTE: 5 - 0 via roll call*

12)Communications

- Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee minutes of February 23 & 24, 2021

13)Adjournment at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis