

APPROVED DECEMBER 7, 2021

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Meeting of November 9, 2021

Dover Sherborn Middle School Library

Members Present: Kate Potter
Maggie Charron
Lynn Collins
Tracey Mannion
Judi Miller
Angie Johnson

1) Call to Order

Ms. Potter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Reports

- Interim Superintendent Update - Kathleen Smith presented an update from her office including vaccination rates and masking at school. The high school has an approved waiver to unmask from the State. The boards of Health are meeting tomorrow evening to discuss the safe unmasking of schools. Superintendent Smith also made a recommendation that the School Committee not approve the 8th Grade Field Trip to Washington DC in June 2022 based on: review of decisions made by other area school districts; concern over 4 students per hotel room during the trip in close contact and unmasked (167 8th graders are fully vaccinated, 2 are partially vaccinated, and 16 are not vaccinated at this time); concern with participants in crowded venues in Washington DC; and concern about a plan for testing and quarantine protocols should any participant develop COVID type symptoms. Instead of going to Washington DC, Superintendent Smith suggested the DSMS staff and administration could plan a local menu of field trip opportunities. The field trip will be discussed further under the Consent Agenda.
- Assistant Superintendent - Beth McCoy updated the committee on items she has been working on including: last spring's MCAS results as well as analysis of the criteria used by Boston Magazine and the US News & World Report to rank districts.
- DSHS Principal Report - John Smith and Caroline Harvey highlighted recent and upcoming events at the high school.
- DSMS Principal Report - Ana Hurley highlighted recent and upcoming events at the middle school.
- Warrant Report

4) Financial Reports: FY22 Monthly Report as of October 31st

- Revenues - there are no material variances to report at this time.
- Salaries - the majority of the salaries have been encumbered including the majority of stipends and all coaching positions.
- Expenditures - the employer related health insurance expenses are based on the Oct 1st subscriber enrollment are on target with the FY22 budgeted amount. In addition, the funding goal of a minimum of \$100,000 to the OPEB Trust Fund is on target. There are no provider changes occurring with West Suburban Health Group for FY23. Utility projections will be encumbered in next month's statement.
- FY21 Wrap-Up - audited financial statements will be presented to the committee in early 2022.

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5) FY23 Budget Guidance

6) Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes: October 12, 2021
- Middle School Field Trip - June 8-10, 2022 to Washington DC for 8th grade students.

Maggie Charron made a motion to accept the Interim Superintendent's recommendation not to approve the 8th grade field trip to Washington DC.

After discussion, the motion was reworded to read:

Maggie Charron made a motion not to approve the DC trip and to request it be replaced with local day trips. Kate Potter seconded.

21-24 VOTE: 4 - 2 (Lynn Collins and Tracey Mannion)

Lynn Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021. Judi Miller seconded.

21-25 VOTE: 6 - 0

7) Communication

- Sherborn School Committee minutes of September 21, 2021
- Dover School Committee minutes of September 28, 2021

8) Items for December 7th meeting - FY23 draft budget

9) Adjournment at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis