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Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Meeting of December 7, 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 5:00 pm.

2) Executive Session - move to enter into Executive Session in order to approve and consider the release of minutes from the meeting held in Executive Session on September 14, 2021 to discuss a complaint from David Sobol dates September 1, 2021 against the Regional School Committee and its members relative to information received in the School District's response to a public records request and to discuss a complaint from Vicki Rellas dated September 8, 2021 concerning the procedure being followed by the Regional School Committee to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of a member from Sherborn pursuant to School Committee Policy BBBE, and to approve and consider the release of minutes from the meeting held in Executive Session on September 28, 2021 to discuss an Open Meeting Law complaint filed by David Sobol dated September 20, 2021 and to return to Open Session at 5:30 pm.

3) Community Comments - Several parents made comments asking the Committee to reconsider their decision not to allow the DC trip for 8th graders.

4) **Reports**

- Warrant Report

5) Proposed Changes to the 2022-23 DSHS Program of Studies - changes were presented and discussed.

Maggie Charron made the motion to approve the proposed changes to the 2022-23 DSHS Program of Studies as presented. Judi Miller seconded.

21-25 VOTE: 6 - 0 via roll call

6) **Financial Reports: FY22 Monthly Report as of November 30th**

- Revenues - there are no material variances to report at this time.
- Salaries - there has been additional nursing support at all the schools in the District. The Region's portion of the added costs is \$27,500 and is reflected in the negative variance on the Medical/Health Services line.
- Expenditures - there are no changes to report since last month.
- ESSER Grants - initial approval for the ESSER III grant application was received last week.
- FY21 Wrap-Up - audited financial statements will be presented to the committee in February.

7) ACED Recommendations - the following additions have been recommended by the ACED Committee: 1) change in name for the CAPAY to ASU: Asian Student Union, \$0; 2) add

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Knitting Club 1.0 ratio, \$1,511,33; and 3) move 10 volunteer coaches to 10 Assistant Coaching positions, \$30,226.60. In conjunction with the move of the volunteer to assistant coaches there will be a proposed increase to student athletic fees brought forward next month.

The Committee will vote on the ACED recommendations when the increase to athletic fees is presented in February.

8) FY23 Budget

- *Operating* - the primary drivers of the increase to the operating budget year over year are payroll expenses and staffing positions. The Administration is still using trend budgeting but with adjustments due to the pandemic's impact on operating schedules and expenses. The first draft operating budget for FY23 is an increase of 4.15% over FY22.

Angie Johnson made a motion to approve the FY23 Operating Budget as presented. Judi Miller seconded.

21-26 VOTE: 6 - 0 via roll call

- *Capital* - the capital projects request for FY23 totals \$1,742,500. Projects include: roof replacement at the middle school and Lindquist Commons; replacement of boilers at the high school; installation of security system at Lindquist Commons; and division of large room at the middle school into two rooms to address space issues.

Lynn Collins made a motion to approve the FY23 Capital Budget as presented. Judi Miller seconded.

21-27 VOTE: 6 - 0 via roll call

9) Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes: November 9, 2021
- Donations - DS Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach - \$4,156.16; DS Girls Soccer coaches (3) - \$3,500 total; DS Football - \$7,500 (3); and DS Field Hockey - \$2,000.

Maggie Charron made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Lynn Collins seconded.

21-28 VOTE: 6 - 0 via roll call

10) Communication

- DSHS Principal's Report
- DSMS Principal's Report
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of October 19, 2021
- Dover School Committee minutes of October 26, 2021

11) Items for January 5th meeting - Town Report, FY23 Budget

Before adjourning the meeting, Kathleen Smith addressed the 8th Grade DS Trip. She acknowledged the overwhelming support of parents to have their children participate in this traditional trip for 8th graders. However she is not recommending the trip take place primarily due to lack of faculty volunteers to chaperone and the uncertainty of conditions in June. Instead she has directed the trip organizers to plan 3 days of local field trips for the 8th graders.

12) Adjournment at 7:02 pm.

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Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis