

**APPROVED MAY 10, 2022**

**Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee**

Meeting of March 8, 2022

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

**1) Call to Order**

Kate Potter called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm in the Middle School Library.

**2) Community Comments - none**

**FY23 Dover Sherborn Regional Schools Budget Hearing**

Dawn Fattore presented the FY23 Budget. Budget drivers include: contractual payroll increases of approximately 2-2.25% 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; continued funding provided for OPEB Liability Trust; Norfolk County Retirement assessment increase of 7%; level enrollment; and continued trend budgeting for operating accounts as prudent given the impact of COVID on operations for the last two fiscal years. The proposed FY23 Operating Budget is \$27,023,813 which is \$644,622 (2.44%) greater than FY22.

Capital requests for FY23 include: roof restoration for the Middle School (including gym) and Lindquist Commons; boiler replacements for the High School and Pump House; security system upgrade for Lindquist Commons; classroom dividing wall for the Middle School (to create an additional classroom); and continue flooring replacement in classrooms at the High School. The roof project of \$1.575 million will be funded through an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with both towns. The remaining projects totaling \$367,500 will be funding the Excess & Deficiency (E&D) funds.

**3) Discussion and Vote to certify FY23 Operating Budget**

*Lynn Collins made a motion to adopt the FY23 budget in the amount of \$27,023,813 which is reduced by estimated receipts and available funds in the amount of \$3,570,544 for a net amount to be assessed to the member towns of \$23,453,269 (comprised of \$22,618,069 in operating expenses and \$835,200 in debt expenses) and that the Treasurer be authorized to certify this budget in the apportioned share of each town based on the statutory method. Maggie Charron seconded.*

22-05 VOTE: 5 - 0

*Angie Johnson made a motion to approve the utilization of \$110,000 of June 30, 2021 certified Excess & Deficiency funds for the FY23 Budget. Judi Miller seconded.*

22-06 VOTE: 5 - 0

**4) Reports**

- Superintendent Report - Kathleen Smith presented an update from her office including mask optional roll out; Communication Consultant Project update; Central Office Audit update; Systems Leadership for Equity Position Paper; and her meeting with METCO students & POSITIVE.
- Warrant Report

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### **5) Financial Reports: FY22 Monthly Report as of February 28th**

- Revenues - the current statement reflects the return of funds (\$642,691) to the two Towns based on the certification of the Region's E&D as of January 24th. The February assessment payments were reduced by the applicable amounts. The first Chapter 71 transportation payment has been received at an 80% reimbursement of FY21 transportation costs. Based on this, a \$110,000 positive variance is projected.
- Salaries - the current statement recognizes savings from various extended leaves resulting in the increase in the positive variance in Teacher, Classroom and Guidance line items. The vacancy in the Business Office has been filled. There remains an open custodial position. Grants have been utilized to offset the negative variance in Educational Assistants.
- Expenditures - there are no material variances projected at this time.

### **6) Annual Vote on MA School Choice Law**

*Judi Miller made a motion to have the Dover Sherborn Regional Schools not participate in the School Choice program for the 2022-23 school year. Lynn Collins seconded.*

*22-07 VOTE: 5 - 0*

### **7) Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes: February 1 and 16, 2022
- Donations - \$2,156 from DS Varsity Field Hockey for volunteer coach; \$8,300 from Alan Thayer Mudge Fund for lighting board replacement in the auditorium.

*Maggie Charron made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Angie Johnson seconded.*

*22-08 VOTE: 5 - 0*

### **8) Communication**

- DSHS Principal's Report
- DSMS Principal's Report
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of November 16, 2021

### **9) Items for May 3, 2022 meeting**

### **10) Adjournment at 8:09 pm.**

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis