

Approved 4.4.2023

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee  
Dover School Committee  
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Union #50 Superintendency Committee  
Meeting Minutes January 17, 2023

Present:

Dover School Committee

Sara Gutierrez-Dunn

Colleen Burt

Liz Grossman

Jeff Cassidy

Goli Sepehr

Dover-Sherborn Regional School  
Committee

Maggie Charron

Kate Potter

Lynn Collins

Mark Healey

Judi Miller

Angie Johnson

Sherborn School Committee

Amanda Brown

Sangita Rousseau

Dennis Quandt

Kristen Aberle

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM in the Middle School Library.
2. **Community Comments** - Student representatives from the Asian Student Union requested Lunar New Year and Diwali be recognized as holidays (no school) as they are important religious/cultural holidays. Alexandra Frank, Sherborn parent, spoke about her concerns, based on her experience at her childrens' previous school, with the focus on DEI work at the cost of academics.
3. **Superintendent's Report**
  - *Superintendents' Formative Evaluation* - Beth McCoy updated the Committee on each of the District goals as well as her superintendent goals.
  - *Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)* - Kate McCarthy, Director of Student Services, gave an overview of MTSS which is a framework designed to meet the needs of all students by ensuring that schools optimize data-driven decision making, progress monitoring, and evidence-based supports and strategies with increasing intensity to sustain student growth.
  - *Equity Audit Recommendations* - Beth McCoy reviewed the draft presentation of "what's next" and how the District will continue to provide academic excellent for all kids through the equity lens. The full presentation can be found on the school website (Joint SC Updated Packet 1.17.2023) using this [link](#).
4. **Policies** - second read on the following policies.
  - Security Cameras in Schools

There were motions to approve the Security Cameras in Schools Policy as presented.

DSRSC: motion by Mark Healey, second by Angie Johnson

Vote in favor: Maggie Charron, Kate Potter, Lynn Collins, Angie Johnson, Judi Miller, and Mark Healey

DSC: motion by Gold Sepehr, second by Liz Grossman

Vote in favor: Sara Gutierrez-Dunn, Liz Grossman, Colleen Burt, Jeff Cassidy, and Goli Sepehr

SSC: motion by Dennis Quandt, second by Sangita Rousseau

Vote in favor: Amanda Brown, Dennis Quandt, Sangita Rousseau and Kristen Aberle

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- Bullying Prohibition Policy

There were motions to approve the Bullying Prohibition Policy as presented.

DSRSC: motion by Judi Miller, second by Lynn Collins

Vote in favor: Maggie Charron, Kate Potter, Lynn Collins, Angie Johnson, Judi Miller, and Mark Healey

DSC: motion by Colleen Burt, second by Jeff Cassidy

Vote in favor: Sara Gutierrez-Dunn, Liz Grossman, Colleen Burt, Jeff Cassidy, and Goli Sepehr

SSC: motion by Dennis Quandt, second by Sangita Rousseau

Vote in favor: Amanda Brown, Dennis Quandt, Sangita Rousseau and Kristen Aberle

- 5. 2023-24 School Year Calendar** - Beth McCoy provided a proposed calendar for the 2023-24 school year. There was lengthy discussion about adding additional no school days to the calendar in observance of Diwali, Lunar New Year, and Eid al-Fitr as requested by parents/students as well as other cultural/religious holidays. There was also discussion about including restrictions on homework assignments, sports practices/games, and meetings to any no school days. School Committee members recognized the need to get next year's calendar approved in a timely manner as well as to thoughtfully consider how to treat cultural/religious holidays going forward. Ultimately it was decided to vote on the calendar as presented for 2023-24 and to form a Task Force to address the issue for future years.

There were motions to approve the 2023-24 District Calendar as submitted and to direct the Superintendent to form a Task Force comprised of school committee members, educators, students, and community members to review the school calendar for greater inclusivity of religious and cultural holidays.

DSRSC: motion by Lynn Collins, second by Judi Miller

Vote in favor: Maggie Charron, Kate Potter, Lynn Collins, Angie Johnson, Judi Miller, and Mark Healey

DSC: motion by Liz Grossman, second by Goli Sepehr

Vote in favor: Sara Gutierrez-Dunn, Liz Grossman, Colleen Burt, and Goli Sepehr

SSC: motion by Sangita Rousseau, second by Dennis Quandt

Vote in favor: Amanda Brown, Dennis Quandt, Sangita Rousseau and Kristen Aberle

- 6. Connolly Bus Contract 2 Year Extension** - The current transportation contract with Michael J. Connolly & Sons has an option for a two year extension. The extension years have a lower cost increase than the first three: 1% for FY24 and 1/5% for FY25. Cost break down as follows:

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>
<b>Dover</b>	\$264,912	\$268,821
<b>Sherborn</b>	\$235,879	\$239,354
<b>Region</b>	\$878,248	\$891,497

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There were motions to approve the two-year extension of the Michael J. Connolly & Sons transportation contract as provided in the existing contract awarded in April of 2020.

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Vote in favor: Maggie Charron, Kate Potter, Lynn Collins, Angie Johnson, Judi Miller, and Mark Healey

DSC: motion by Colleen Burt, second by Goli Sepehr

Vote in favor: Sara Gutierrez-Dunn, Liz Grossman, Colleen Burt, and Goli Sepehr

SSC: motion by Dennis Quandt, second by Sangita Rousseau

Vote in favor: Amanda Brown, Dennis Quandt, Sangita Rousseau and Kristen Aberle

### **7. Consent Agenda**

- Approval of November 8, 2022 minutes
- Request for Westborough to join ACCEPT Collaborative

There were motions to approve the Consent Agenda.

DSRSC: motion by Angie Johnson, second by Mark Healey

Vote in favor: Maggie Charron, Kate Potter, Lynn Collins, Angie Johnson, Judi Miller, and Mark Healey

DSC: motion by Liz Grossman, second by Golly Sepehr

Vote in favor: Sara Gutierrez-Dunn, Liz Grossman, Colleen Burt, and Goli Sepehr

SSC: motion by Dennis Quandt, second by Sangita Rousseau

Vote in favor: Amanda Brown, Dennis Quandt, Sangita Rousseau and Kristen Aberle

### **8. Adjourn at 9:14 pm.**

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis