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Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Dover School Committee
Sherborn School Committee
Union #50 Superintendency Committee
Meeting Minutes December 8, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Present:

Dover School Committee

Brooke Matarese, Chair*

Leslie Leon*

Mark Healey

Colleen Burt

Sara Gutierrez-Dunn

Sherborn School Committee

Angie Johnson, Chair*

Megan Page*

Nancy Cordell

Mike Fitzgerald

Dover-Sherborn Regional School

Committee

Maggie Charron

Judi Miller

Lynn Collins

Kate Potter

Michael Jaffe

Anne Hovey

* - Union #50 Member

** - Union #50 non-voting member

- 1. Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm. There was a quorum of the Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee (DSRSC), the Dover School Committee (DSC), the Sherborn School Committee (SSC), and the Union #50 Superintendency Committee.

Union #50 Chair Brooke Matarese read the following into the record:

Good evening. This Open Meeting of the JointSchool Committees is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus."

For this meeting, the Joint School Committees are convening via Zoom App, as posted. Information on how to join our School Committee mtgs and mtg agendas were posted on the Dover Sherborn District Website and on the town calendars.

Please note that this meeting is being recorded. Anything you broadcast may be captured by the recording.

Community comments are an opportunity for members of the community to be heard. We respectfully request that you please make your comments brief (2-3 minutes) and that you move the discussion forward by adding new information. Please try to avoid repeating points that have already been made.

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. 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. This is standard operating procedure in school committee meetings across our 3 school districts. We appreciate that you have taken the time to participate and encourage you to reach out to your school committee reps at any time.

- 2. Community Comments** - None

- 3. Reports**

- Assistant Superintendent Update - Ms. McCoy gave an overview of the Professional Development offered on November 30th. The objectives were: 1) to continue conversations around anti-racism and building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive school community; 2) to provide opportunities for faculty to share (and interact with) resources

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and best practices for hybrid learning; 3) to promote self-care and mindfulness strategies; and 4) to allow additional curricular planning time among teams and departments.

- Superintendent Update - Dr. Keough addressed each of the following:

- *Reopening Update - Grades 4&5 have started 4 days of in-person learning this week.

Members of the Dover and Sherborn Boards of Health were available to answer questions about the rising cases in MA and the incidence of cases within the schools.

There was consensus that all were pleased to have been able to keep (and increase at the elementary level) the in-person learning throughout the fall.

- *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force Update - the Task Force includes 42 members and has met 4 times so far, working to develop the mission, norms, and areas of focus. Subcommittees focusing on community outreach, curriculum and competencies, hiring and supporting educators, policies and procedures, and climate and culture.

- *Sustainability Task Force - the Task Force has 56 members including a large number of students. Areas of focus include energy, waste, water, food, education, and politics.

4. **Policy: First Read** - the revision to the policy regarding Physical Restraint of Students in Dover-Sherborn Public Schools is being proposed in order to update the policy per the current dESE regulations and MASC model. The overriding theme is that physical restraint is an emergency measure of last resort so the policy was updated to reflect the DESE regulations. Any suggested revisions should be forwarded to the Policy Committee prior to the next meeting.
5. **Transportation Contract Amendment** - the School Districts utilizing Connolly Bus met and developed preliminary guidelines for amendments to the current year transportation contracts given the continued impact of the pandemic. The discounted rate methodology from the spring will carry-over for any period of time a district is required to revert to remote learning for more than one week. The savings from the delayed start (a per diem discount of 41.1%) were \$15,272 for the Region, \$4,611 for Dover, and \$4,106 for Sherborn. The weekly saving from remote Wednesdays (a per diem discount of 5.4%) are \$250,82 for the Region, \$75,73 for Dover and \$67,43 for Sherborn.
There were motions to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Standard Service Agreement between the Dover, Sherborn, and the Dover Sherborn Region School Committees and Michael J Connolly & Sons, Inc as presented.
DSRSC: motion by Anne Hovey, second by Kate Potter
Vote in favor: Maggie Charron, Judi Miller, Kate Potter, Anne Hovey, Lynn Collins, and Michael Jaffe
SSC: motion by Nancy Cordell, second by Megan Page
Vote in favor: Megan Page, Angie Johnson, Mike Fitzgerald, and Nancy Cordell
DSC: motion by Mark Healey, second by Leslie Leon
Vote in favor: Brooke Matarese, Mark Healey, Colleen Burt, Leslie Leon, and Sara Gutierrez-Dunn
6. **Superintendent Search Update** - the search committee has been screening candidates and plans to have a slate of candidates to present to the school committees soon. Ms. Hovey asked for feedback on face-to-face interviews vs Skype, several members expressed their strong desire to hold in-person interviews if possible.
7. **Consent Agenda**
 - **June 24, 2020 minutes** - Change the sentence under Resolutions: Anti-Racism to read "Ms. Collins expressed concern about the phrase "can no longer remain silent". She does not *want the document to suggest* that Dover-Sherborn has been silent up to this point on the issue and suggested replacing it with "cannot be silent"."

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There were motions to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

DSRSC: motion by Judi Miller, second by Kate Potter

Vote in favor: Maggie Charron, Judi Miller, Kate Potter, Anne Hovey, Lynn Collins, and Michael Jaffe

SSC: motion by Nancy Cordell, second by Megan Page

Vote in favor: Megan Page, Angie Johnson, Mike Fitzgerald, and Nancy Cordell

DSC: motion by Leslie Leon, second by Colleen Burt

Vote in favor: Brooke Matarese, Mark Healey, Colleen Burt, Leslie Leon, and Sara Gutierrez-Dunn

- 8. Adjournment at 9:04 pm to Executive Session for matters pertaining to personnel, not to return to Open Session.**

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis