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Dover School Committee
Meeting of September 26, 2023

Members Present: Liz Grossman
Goli Sepehr
Jess Hole

Also Present: Beth McCoy, Superintendent
Denny Conklin, Assistant Superintendent
Deb Reinemann, Principal

1) Call to Order

Liz Grossman called the meeting to order in the Middle School Library at 6:33 pm.

2) Community Comments - none.

3) Reports

- Superintendent Report - Beth McCoy presented a brief update from her office and thanked all who worked hard to ensure a smooth opening to the school year.
- Assistant Superintendent Report - Denny Conklin provided an update on the Math Curriculum pilot program.
- Principal's Report - Dr. Reinemann highlighted the opening of school and upcoming events at Chickering.
- Warrant Report

4) FY23 Budget Closeout

- Salaries - the year ended with a positive variance of \$29,695 (.44%). During the year, two EA positions were converted to a SPED Educator to provide more direct instruction to students on IEPs. Other variances resulted from post-FY23 staffing changes, leaves, and coverage for those leaves.
- Expenditures - overall in-district operating expenses were over budget by \$76,675 driven by the significant variance in SPED services based on outside services required to support students on IEPs.
- Out-of-District - costs exceeded budget by \$397,066 (15.8%) based on placement activity throughout the year. There was new placement activity since the June report resulting in additional tuition costs of approximately \$87,000. Budgeted placements for FY23 were 21; actual placements by year end were 26.
- Summary of Results - overall results from operations for FY23 were a negative variance of \$444,046 (4.28%). These unbudgeted costs were offset by the Circuit Breaker reimbursement of \$1,151,763 resulting in a net turn back to the Town of \$707,717.

5) 2023-24 School Improvement Plan: second read

*Jess Hole made a motion to approve the 2023-24 School Improvement Plan. Goli Sepehr seconded.
23-10 VOTE: 3 - 0*

- 6) Proposed Gift: Basketball Court** - over the past several years, planning discussion have taken place between School Administration, Dover Parks and Recreation, and representatives from Hoops for Hyde regarding renovation of the existing basketball park to create a new regulation size court. The Parks and Recreation Commission met on September 14th and approved the idea of the court addition and will work with School Administration/School Committee to finalize procurement procedures,

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usage protocols, and long-term maintenance responsibilities. More information will be shared at a future meeting.

7) Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2023

*Jess Hole made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Goli Sepehr seconded.
23-11 VOTE: 3 - 0*

8) Communications

- 2023-24 Meeting Calendar
- Subcommittee Assignments
- Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee Minutes of June 6, 2023
- Sherborn School Committee Minutes of June 6, 2023

9) Adjournment at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis