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Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of December 5, 2023

Members Present: Judi Miller
Maggie Charron
Kate Potter
Angie Johnson
Colleen Burt
Mark Healey

1) **Call to Order**

Judi Miller called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) **Community Comments -** Maggie Charron expressed condolences on behalf of the committee to friends and family of Bob Springett and asked for a moment of silence.
3) **Superintendent Comments -** Superintendent Beth McCoy spoke about: 1) the upcoming Middle School production of Mary Poppins; 2) the launch of the Anti-Defamation League World of Difference Peer Training Program with 30 6th and 7th grade students; and 3) the review of MS/HS Health Curriculum specifically concerning substance use & misuse.
4) **Director of Student Services Update re: SBIRT Program -** Kate McCarthy introduced a new community resource, a Youth Wellness Coach, who will support the implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services as well as to provide additional non-clinical behavioral health capacity to the high school's existing teams. Youth Wellness Coaches are employed by C4 Innovations and will be serving in our schools at least two days a week for the next five years as part of a statewide initiative to enhance and improve SBIRT. Youth Wellness Coaches are fully trained to serve as non-clinical behavioral health providers with our students.
5) **Financial Reports**
   - Warrant Report
   - FY24 Monthly Report
     - Revenues: there are no changes since the last report.
     - Salaries: there are no changes since the last report.
     - Expenditures: an estimate for utilities has been encumbered. Utility expenses will be updated as the winter season progresses as well as refine the impact on electricity costs from the supply cost increase (40% higher) which takes effect in December.
     - Capital Project Update: *Bleacher/Press Box Renovation* - the new cost estimate is approximately $600,000, an increase of $100,000, part of which is due to higher supply and labor costs for the bleacher kit ($44,000) once the plans were finalized and the remaining increase is attributable to estimated costs of the foundation and site work. The bleachers have been ordered and the foundation work will go out to bid in the coming month.
6) **Discussion Items**
   - Proposed changes to HS Program of Studies 2024-25 - the proposed changes were summarized and discussed. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.
7) **Action Items**

- FY25 Budget
  - Operating: key budget drivers for FY25 are: contractual increases of 3% based on ratified agreements for majority of contracts plus step (ranging from 4 - 9%) and lane increases for educators (on average an additional 1.6% on total educator compensation); healthcare premium increases estimated at 12%; additional staff positions offset by impact of retirements; student enrollment by member towns (FY25 operating and capital assessment percentages reflect increases of 0.37% and 0.07% respectively for Sherborn); technology purchases to begin the replacement cycle of devices purchased with COVID funds; and maintenance cost increases due to the labor market and increases in utility costs.
    The overall operating budget increase is $1,365,337 or 4.88% (FY24 increase was 3.51%). Dover's assessment increase is $686,710 (5.30%) and Sherborn's is $683,218 (6.09%).
  - Capital: FY25 projects total $350,000 and include exterior ductwork replacement ($110,000), AAON rooftop units replacement ($140,000), and bleacher replacement ($100,000).

Kate Potter made a motion to approve the FY25 Operating and Capital Budgets as presented. Maggie Charron seconded.
23-16 VOTE: 6 - 0

8) Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes: November 7, 2023
- ACED Recommendations FY25 - increased ratios for Mock Trial Advisor, Science Olympiad Advisor, JV Boys Ice Hockey Coach, JV Boys Tennis Coach, JV Girls Tennis Coach, and Washington DC Trip Coordinator totaling $12,993.75.
- Grants - $292,492 for IDEA - SPED 240 Grant; $48,535 for Title I Grant; $14,540 for Title IIA Grant; $10,000 Title IVA - ESSA Grant; $339,882 for METCO Grant; and $35,000 for the Comprehensive School Health Services (CSHS).
- DS Football Gridiron Donation - $14,000 for four assistant football coaches.
- Dover PTO Challenge Success Donation - $3,000 from Chickering PTO to be used in support of Challenge Success.

Colleen Burt made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Mark Healey seconded.
23-17 VOTE: 5 - 0

9) Informational Items

- DSHS Newsletter
- DSMS Newsletter
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of October 17, 2023
- Dover School Committee minutes of October 24, 2023

10) Items for January 16, 2024 DS Regional School Committee Meeting - cell phone policy

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11) Adjournment at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis