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Sherborn School Committee
Meeting of November 14, 2023

Members Present: Dennis Quandt
Amanda Brown
Kristen Aberle (remote)
Christine Walsh
Rebecca Hammond

Also Present: Beth McCoy, Superintendent
Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator

1) Call to Order

Dennis Quandt called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the DSMS Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent Beth McCoy spoke about progress made on the District goal of Vision for Teaching and Learning; the implementation of a data dashboard that will be used to track academic benchmarks, standardized assessments, attendance/discipline, and results of student surveys; and the launch of METCO 2.0.

4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY24 Monthly Report
 - Salaries: budget balances reflect the final accounting entry processed to allocate the negotiations reserve of \$200,000.
 - Expenditures: there are no material variances to report to date.
 - Out of District: the total negative variance as of November 8th is approximately \$200,000, a reduction of \$35,000 due to a change in cost for a placement.
 - Special Revenue/Revolving Funds: funding for the facilities assessment and cooling studies is proposed to come from the Building Rental fund which has a balance of approximately \$80,000.
 - Facilities Assessment and Cooling Studies: since the last meeting, proposals for both the Facilities Assessment and the Cooling Study have been received. The Working Group, which includes both School and Town representatives, agreed to proceed with both studies. The cost of the Facilities Assessment (\$16,800, equally shared with the Town) and the cost of the Cooling Study (\$8,000) will come from the Building Rental fund.

7) Discussion Items

- Calendar Task Force - Beth McCoy reported that due to recent world events, particularly in the Middle East, the Task Force will be pausing their work until January.
- Building Assessment & Engineering Studies update - covered under Item #4.

8) Action Items

- Proposed FY25 Budget - key budget drivers for FY25 are: 1) 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); staff addition of .5 FTE to increase Math Coach to 1.0, approximately \$50,000; staff reductions of .1 FTE ELL Educator and .2 FTE OT due to current student needs, \$15,000 savings; post FY24 budget staffing changes, net saving of \$95,000; addition

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of estimated costs of \$47,500 to implement proposed new math curriculum; increases in costs for transportation and utilities due to contractual agreements and current market prices; enrollment projection of 385-389 students with 21 classroom sections; and OOD student enrollment based on FY24 placements expected to continue in FY25.

The overall operating budget increase is \$644,359 or 8.13% (FY24 increase was 8.17%) with: in-district operating increase of \$389,359 or 5.53% and OOD operating increase of \$255,000 or 28.81%. The draft budget includes \$300,000 of circuit breaker offset (the FY24 budget utilized \$320,000).

Christine Walsh made a motion to approve the FY25 Budget as presented. Amanda Brown seconded.

23-13 VOTE: 5 - 0 (Kristen Aberle via roll call)

9) Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes: October 17, 2023 - remove Ariana Delaney from CSA presentation.
- Donations - \$50,000 from Pine Hill CSA for enhancements to the playground.
- Grants - &95,238 for IDEA-SPED 240 Grant; \$2,803 for Early Child SPED Entitlement Grant 262; \$18,015 for Title 1 Grant; \$4,849 for Title IIA Grant; \$10,000 for Title IV A-ESSA Grant; and \$47,845 for REAP Grant.

Christine Walsh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Amanda Brown seconded.

23-14 VOTE: 5 - 0 (Kristen Aberle via roll call)

10) Informational Items

- Pine Hill Newsletters
- Dover Sherborn Regional Committee minutes of October 10, 2023
- Dover School Committee Minutes of September 26, 2023

11) Items for February 6, 2024 meeting - FY25 Budget, math curriculum update

12) Adjournment at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis