

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of January 16, 2024

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 6:32 pm via Zoom.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Student Council Representatives - Ester Mersuli spoke about the Town Meetings held last month. Due to the holidays and exams she will update the Committee with the findings of the meetings at the next update.

4) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent Beth McCoy spoke about: 1) the recent amazing performance of Mary Poppins; and 2) the State of the District will be held next Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in the DSMS Library.

5) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY24 Monthly Report
 - Revenues: High School Activities have been adjusted to reflect actual participation.
 - Salaries: there is a negative variance in Substitutes due to several staff members being out on leave and long-term substitutes have been hired to fill those positions.
 - Expenditures: there are no changes since the last report.

6) Discussion Items

- FY25 Budget - V2.0 of the FY25 Budget will be presented at the next meeting once the State's initial FY25 Budget should be available reflecting Chapter 70 and 71 funding as well as Minimum Local Contribution figures.
- Space Audit Report - Last spring the architectural firm of Drummy Rosane Anderson, Inc (DRA) was engaged to undertake an educational facilities assessment focusing on educational space adequacy, utilization, functionality, and ability to meet the needs of a 21st century learning environment. The study included the High School, Middle School, and Lindquist Commons. Their draft report has been shared with the Building Administrators and a joint meeting was held with the team from DRA to discuss the findings and recommendations. The next step will be to have DRA provide cost estimates for the various recommendations which will allow prioritization of the option with the goal of utilizing the Region's remaining ESSER III funds (approx \$250,000) to hopefully proceed with creating a few new educational spaces for student instruction by the start of the FY25 school year. Any remaining projects that are deemed a priority will be included in future capital funding discussions.
- Interior Security Camera Proposal - the Administration proposed installation of internal cameras on the regional campus to provide video surveillance of events during/after they

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occur and serve as a deterrent to future incidents. Sixteen cameras would cover high traffic spaces in the Middle School and High School, including hallways, stairwells, and large gathering spaces. Also included are four vape sensors to be installed at the High School. The total cost is roughly \$40,000.

- Sports Medicine Policy Manual: 1st read - Cam Siciliano presented an updated Policy Manual and answered questions from Committee members. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

7) Action Items

8) Consent Items

- Review of 2023 Town Report
- Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2023
- Grants - \$12,298 for IDEA - SPED 274 Grant; \$5,000 for the Comprehensive School Health Services (CSHS).

*Mark Healey made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Kate Potter seconded.
23-01 VOTE: 6 - 0 (via roll call)*

9) Informational Items

- DSHS Newsletter - December and January
- DSMS Newsletter

10) Items for February 6, 2024 DS Regional School Committee Meeting - Sports Medicine Policy Manual, FY25 Budget

11) Adjournment at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis