

Sherborn School Committee
Meeting of February 6, 2024

Members Present: Dennis Quandt (remote)

Kristen Aberle

Christine Walsh

Rebecca Hammond

Also Present: Beth McCoy, Superintendent

Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator

1) Call to Order

Christine Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the DSMS Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent Beth McCoy spoke about: the recent newsletter she sent out; DESE has completed the visit/data collection portion of their District Review; teachers are currently undergoing their assessments; and the HR Director is working to formalize the hiring process for educators.

4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY24 Monthly Report
 - Salaries: there are no variances to report since the last meeting.
 - Expenditures: there are no material variances to report to date.
 - Out of District: the total negative variance as of January 31st is approximately \$200,000. Additional Circuit Breaker funds have been applied to reduce the General Fund deficit to \$100,000. CB reimbursement has been finalized at \$514,778 comprised of \$446,407 in tuition and \$68,371 in transportation reimbursements. The Status of Appropriations reflects the use of \$420,000 (vs \$320,000 originally budgeted) for current year tuition costs. This leaves \$95,000 remaining in the CB Fund to use as needed during the year for placement changes and to cover needed deficits.

7) Discussion Items

- Proposed FY25 Budget - the V2.0 FY25 Budget reflects a reduction of \$328,120. The in-district adjustments reflect the changes from relocating the GOALS Program to Chickering (\$197,120). The OOD adjustments reflect updated placement projections as well as an increase in proposed use of CB funds (\$131,000). The overall FY25 increase is \$316,239 or 3.99% over FY24. The In-District increase is \$192,239 or 2.73% and the OOD increase is \$124,000 or 14.01% over FY24.
- Pine Hill Principal Hiring Update - Allison Gullingsrud has been named as the sole finalist for the position and Beth McCoy will be announcing a decision later this week after reviewing all the feedback from faculty, staff, students, and parents.
- Policy: METCO Representative to the School Committee - First Read

8) Action Items

- Pine Hill HVAC Engineering Study Update - the Cooling Study report from Consulting Engineering Services (CES) was provided for review and discussion. The working group has decided to further explore the recommendations of installing HVAC equipment for ventilation/cooling in the Library, Auditorium, and Cafeteria to provide large areas of

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temperature controlled spaces. The cooling in the Library would have some benefit to the classrooms in that area which record the higher temperatures.

Using the top end of the projected costs from the report and an additional 30% for excluded costs, the proposed placeholder for the Capital Budget Committee is \$375,000. The project would be potentially scheduled for the summer of 2025.

Becca Hammond made a motion to approve the Capital Budget placeholder of \$375,000 for cooling solutions at Pine Hill. Kristen Aberle seconded.

24-03 VOTE: 54- 0 via roll call

9) Consent Items

- Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2023
- Approval of Pre-School Tuition - 3 day rate (M,W,F) = \$6,210 and 5 day rate = \$10,990 represents a 3% increase from FY24 rates.

Becca Hammond made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Kristen Aberle seconded.

24-04 VOTE: 4 - 0 via roll call

10) Informational Items

- Pine Hill Newsletters
- Dover Sherborn Regional Committee minutes of November 7, 2023
- Dover School Committee Minutes of October 24, 2023

11) Items for March 12, 2024 meeting - FY25 Budget Hearing, math curriculum update

12) Adjournment at 6:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Davis