

Sherborn School Committee
Meeting of March 12, 2024

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

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

1) Call to Order

Dennis Quandt called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm in the DSMS Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) FY25 Sherborn Schools Budget Hearing

Dawn Fattore presented the FY25 Budget. Budget drivers include: contractual payroll increases of approximately 3% across all bargaining units in addition to step and lane increases for educators ranging from 4-9%; level enrollment (21 classroom sections); and continued trend budgeting for operating accounts.

The proposed FY25 Operating Budget is \$8,241,810 which is \$316,239 (3.99%) greater than FY24: in-District increase over FY24 is \$192,239 (2.73%) and Out-of-District increase is \$124,000 (14.01%).

Christine Walsh made a motion to accept the FY25 Budget in the amount of \$8,241,810. Kristen Aberle seconded.

24-05 VOTE: 4 - 0 via roll call

4) Financial Reports

- Warrant Report
- FY24 Monthly Report
 - Salaries: variances continue to fluctuate as leaves and other staffing changes are encumbered.
 - Expenditures: there are no material variances to report to date.
 - Out of District: there are no changes since the last report.

7) Superintendent Comments - Beth McCoy updated recent and upcoming meeting/events in the District. There was also an update from Denny Conklin on the Assistant Principal search: 2 finalists have been selected from 5 candidates that were interviewed (43 applicants total).

8) Discussion Items

- Proposed Revisions to Accept Collaborative Agreement - 1st read
- School Committee Public Sessions - Dennis Quandt discussed adding more meetings to give the committee an opportunity to share information and receive feedback from the community in a setting that the more formal monthly meetings does not allow.
- Update on Capital Projects - the HVAC project has received support from the Capital Budget Committee and Select Board. The Administration is working with the engineers on a design/cost estimate split between the auditorium and library and will keep the Committee updated.

Approved 5.7.2024

- Continued Discussion of 2024-25 School Calendar

9) Action Items

- Annual School Committee Vote on MA School Choice Law - MGL requires local school committees to vote annually as to whether or not the district will participate in School Choice.

Christine Walsh made a motion to have Sherborn School not participate in School Choice program for the 2024-25 school year. Kristen Aberle seconded.

24-06 VOTE: 4- 0 via roll call

- Policy: METCO Representative to the School Committee, 2nd read

Becca Hammond made a motion to approve the Policy: METCO Representative to the School Committee as presented. Kristen Aberle seconded.

24-07 VOTE: 4- 0 via roll call

10) Consent Items

- Approval of Student Opportunity Act Plan
- Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2024
- Donations - \$5,000 from the Sawin Fund.

Christine Walsh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kristen Aberle seconded.

24-08 VOTE: 4 - 0 via roll call

11) Informational Items

- Pine Hill Newsletters
- Dover Sherborn Regional Committee minutes of December 5, 2023 & January 16, 2024
- Dover School Committee Minutes of November 21, 2023

12) Items for April 2, 2024 meeting - meeting with Dover School Committee re: curriculum

13) Adjournment at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis