

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of May 7, 2024

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

1) Call to Order

Judi Miller called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm in the Middle School Library.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Student Council Representatives - there was an update on the recent Teacher Appreciation and Retirement recognition assemblies. Elections will be held in late May.

4) Superintendent Comments - Superintendent McCoy reviewed recent and upcoming meetings and district events as well as the recent Challenge Success Conference hosted by Dover Sherborn.

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: the only material variance is in Maintenance of Buildings as there have been several more extensive repairs over the past few months which is expected given the age of the equipment.
 - Projected E&D - an additional \$655,000 in use of E&D for capital projects is being proposed for approval. If approved, the E&D balance projected for June 30th would represent just under 3% of the allowed amount.
 - Capital Projects Update: the project bid opening was on March 27th and additional funding to complete the project will be needed. For the Bleacher/Press Box Renovation, the site work contract has been signed at a total cost of \$215,000. The Administration is in the final stages of confirming possible contributions from DS Boosters and DSCTV. Any gap in funding will be covered through available revolving funds.
 - FY23 Wrap-up - the auditors are in the process of drafting the Audited Financial Statements and related footnotes. The will be presented at the June meeting.

6) Discussion Items

- 2024-25 MS Student Handbook (1st read) - the proposed changes were discussed.
- 2024-25 HS Student Handbook (no changes)
- Treasurer Position - the District Treasurer will be leaving as of June 30th. The position will be posted this week and a member of the School Committee will be needed to join the Search Committee.

7) Action Items

- Policy Manual Updates: 2nd read -

Colleen Burt made a motion to approve the Policy Manual updates as presented. Maggie Charron seconded.

24-10 VOTE: 6 - 0

- MOA Healthcare - the current MOA expires on June 30, 2024. The provisions proposed to continue for another three-year agreement included employer contributions to health savings accounts for employees subscribing to a high-deductible plan and an opt-out provision.

Kate Potter made a motion to approve the MOA for Healthcare. Mark Healey seconded.

24-11 VOTE: 6 - 0

- Capital Requests: Use of E&D - the Rooftop Air Handler Unit replacement project has exceeded original cost estimates for multiple reasons including infrastructure costs associated with converting the units to be run on electricity. The original approved funding for the project was \$1.2 million while the cost of the project is \$2.05 million. The additional necessary funding can be partially offset by reallocating \$350,000 originally approved for the High School Boiler Project to the Roof-top Project, leaving just under \$500,000 to be used from E&D. This amount, plus the \$110,000 requested for exterior ductwork replacement and \$45,000 for emergency replacement of the fire suppression system control panel requires use of \$655,000 from E&D to complete the FY25 Capital Requests. Approval of this amount will leave projected E&D as of June 30, 2024 at approximately 2.75% (maximum is 5%, School Committee Policy recommends E&D be maintained at a 3 - 4% range).

Mark Healey made a motion to transfer \$655,000 as of June 30, 2023 certified Excess & Deficiency funds to the Region's Capital fund to cover costs for approved capital projects as presented. Maggie Charron seconded.

24-12 VOTE: 6 - 0

Colleen Burt made a motion to \$350,000 of approved capital funding from the High School Boiler Project to the High School Roof-top Project. Angie Johnson seconded.

24-13 VOTE: 6 - 0

- Eversource Gas Line Project: Easement Approval - Eversource has requested approval of an easement in order to install a new gas line connection for the Region. The work is slated to take place this summer and will eliminate any future needs to bring in temporary gas tankards when work is required on the main Enbridge line as has been experienced in the last several years.

Maggie Charron made a motion to approve the easement to install a new gasoline connection as presented and to authorize the change to sign the document. Kate Potter seconded.

24-14 VOTE: 6 - 0

8) Consent Items

- Donations - \$353 from the Sustainability Task Force to purchase two Eastern Redbud trees; \$1,200 from the Mudge Foundation for the High School Art Department field trip to the MASS MOCA Art Museum.
- Approval of Regional School Committee minutes of March 5, 2024

Colleen Burt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mark Healey seconded.

24-15 VOTE: 6 - 0

9) Informational Items

- Middle School Social Studies Curriculum Pilot
- DSHS Newsletter
- DSMS Newsletter
- Dover School Committee minutes of January 16, 2024
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of February 6, 2024

10)Next Meeting June 11, 2024

Judi Miller and Maggie Charron were recognized and thanked for their years of commitment to the Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee.

11)Adjournment at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis